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POSSIBLE NEW WORLD ALLIANCES FORESHADOWED FOR ITALY

BRITISH ANXIETIES NOT ALLAYED ORGANISED SMUGGLING INTO NORTH CHINA QUESTION LOSES DOMESTIC ASPECT

London, To-day.

It is understood that the Japanese reply to the representations of the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Clive, concerning the increased smuggling in North China, did little to allay the British anxiety. It is understood that no promise was given by Japan to co-operate in the measures against the smugglers.

The seriousness of the position was stressed by Sir Frederick Maze, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, in an interview with Reuters. Referring to the "orgy of organised smuggling" into North China, Sir Frederick pointed out that a general decrease in the Chinese Customs receipts must necessarily affect the indemnity loan services. He added that as Shanghai and the northern ports are responsible for 88 per cent. of the total Customs revenue, the question is no longer a purely domestic one, and might become an international issue.

It is understood that this statement reflects the official anxiety regarding the rapid increase in smuggling, under the alleged protection of the Japanese military authorities.

An earlier message stated that consultations regarding the further steps to be taken in the matter were understood to be in progress between Britain and the other foreign countries concerned, including the United States and Germany. — Reuters.

RANPURA IN PORT

LOCAL RESIDENT INTERVIEWED

"Glorious Binge-Up"
While On The
Sand-Bank

ART TREASURES GUARDED
DAY AND NIGHT

The P. and O. liner s.s. Ranpura, carrying the Chinese art treasures which were recently on view in London, arrived in the Colony this morning from Home via Singapore after a very adventurous journey. She was escorted into the harbour by H.M.S. Dauntless, a light-cruiser, which acted as escort from Colombo.

The vessel is a day behind schedule and as a result very short stops are being made at all ports of call. The Chinese art treasures are in charge of Dr. Chen and two assistants, and are guarded night and day by naval pickets mounted fore and aft.

Interviewed shortly after the vessel had berthed, one of the passengers disembarking gave an account of the grounding of the Ranpura near Gibraltar.

IN QUARANTINE AT TIME
They were lying at quarantine on the afternoon of the mishap, as one of the passengers had contracted chicken pox, when a sudden gale sprang up and the ship dragged its anchor, finally ending on a sand-bank.

Two Admiralty tugs were sent to the assistance of the Ranpura, but it was not until a Danish tug from Lisbon had arrived on the scene that the Ranpura was pulled off the sand-bank.

During the time the ship was being surveyed everybody on board enjoyed a "glorious binge-up" and at no time during the grounding were there signs of panic.

Our informant said it was lucky that the Ranpura had chosen to run aground at the spot she did, for about 50 yards away was a large rock formation which might have seriously damaged the ship. BULL FIGHT TRIP CANCELLED
During the period the vessel was at Gibraltar the passengers, or a large gathering of them, had arranged to go over to Spain to witness a bull-fight, but were very



Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, above, Chancellor of Austria, has been given dictatorial powers by the reconstruction of the Cabinet. It was announced in a semi-official communique issued early this morning.

disappointed at being told to report back to the ship at 6 p.m. each evening.

The Ranpura was escorted from Gibraltar to Aden by two warships and then picked up H.M.S. Dauntless at Colombo. The only period of really rough weather was experienced two days after leaving Malta, when they were subjected to a severe buffeting in the teeth of a strong gale, otherwise the journey had been thoroughly enjoyable.

Commenting upon the reports which appeared in the English newspapers to the effect that the Ranpura was experiencing a "harrowing time on the sand-bank" from heavy seas and gales, our informant stated that there never was any danger after they had grounded, and the majority of reports which reached Home papers were merely conjecture.

The Ranpura will leave for Shanghai to-day by 5 p.m. and will be escorted as far as Woosung by H.M.S. Dauntless.

KIDNAPPER SENTENCED

Louisville, Kentucky, To-day. — Thomas Robinson Junior has been sentenced to imprisonment for life for the kidnapping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll in October, 1934. — Reuters.



Sir W. Woods, facing camera, a member of the Mui Tsai Commission which arrived in the Colony this morning from Singapore by the s.s. Ranpura, is here seen conversing with Miss Pictou Turbevill (on right) and partly hidden by Mr. C. Willis, right, who are also members of the Commission.

MANCHURIAN ARRESTS QUESTIONS IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. A. C. Moreing (C. Preston) drew attention to the numerous arrests by the Manchukuo police and Japanese gendarmes of Chinese subjects employed by British firms and missionary societies.

MUI TSAI COMMISSION ARRIVES IN COLONY

No Statement Given

Members of the Mui Tsai Commission comprising Sir Wilfred Woods, M.P., who is accompanied by Lady Woods, Miss Pictou-Turbervill, M.P., and Mr. C. A. Willis, who are to investigate the Mui Tsai system in the Colony, arrived this morning from Singapore by the s.s. Ranpura. During their stay of two or three weeks in Hong Kong they will be the guests of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott. All members of the Commission declined to make any statement as they did not wish to convey to the public any wrong impressions.

NAVAL DOCK AT HAWAII

\$10,000,000 Structure
Contemplated

Washington, To-day.

The United States Navy is ready to construct immediately a \$10,000,000 floating dock at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, announced Admiral Standley, Acting Secretary of the Navy, yesterday. The dock will be 1,016 feet long and 75 from the top to the keel. Tenders will shortly be invited. — Reuters.

"PHOENIX" SMASH IN AUSTRIA

Followed By Nine
Suicides

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Vienna, To-day. Altogether nine suicides have occurred in connection with the collapse of the Phoenix insurance company, according to a list published by the provincial press. — Trans-Ocean Service.

WEATHER REPORT

Weak anti-cyclonic areas are indicated over Mongolia, and in the Pacific to the east of Japan. Pressure is relatively low over Indo-China, and a shallow depression is situated over the Straits of Korea. East to south or variable winds, light to moderate; fair to showery, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

RETURN TO STRESA FRONT UNLIKELY GREAT POSSIBILITIES ENVISAGED

"ACTION HAS BROUGHT US VICTORY"

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

Any possibility of Italy returning to the "old form," such as the Stresa Front, should she decide to co-operate once more with organisations of European peace, is definitely ruled out by Senator Davanzati in an article in the "Tribuna" yesterday.

The *Giornale d'Italia* goes a step further, saying that the first thing Italy must do is to examine all political positions which she could take up in Europe and the world, since she has now placed "a certain distance between herself and the League of Nations."

"There are so many possibilities for Italy, such as political co-operation with Austria, Hungary and Albania and other important countries in Europe, as well as with the United States and South America and the distant but young and strong Japan." — Trans-Ocean Service.

POISONED CAKES DISTRIBUTED

42 Dead And 180 Taken Ill
After Japanese Track Meet

Hamamatsu, Japan, To-day.

About 27 students and 15 adults are dead and 180 students and others ill, many seriously, as a result of eating poisoned cake which was distributed at the Hamamatsu Middle School after an athletic meeting. The police are investigating the report that the cakes were poisoned maliciously. — Reuters.

AMY MOLLISON AT ATHENS

New Record Within
Grasp

Cairo, To-day. — Mrs. Amy Mollison landed at 8 p.m. yesterday. It is expected that her next stop will be Malta, after which she will fly direct to England. — Reuters' Bulletin Service.

London: Mrs. Amy Mollison reached Cairo at 6.10 p.m. G.M.T. yesterday. She took off from Juba on the 1,800-miles stretch to the Egyptian capital at 3 a.m. and landed at Khartoum at 8.20 a.m. to refuel. She will beat the existing record for the Cape to England flight if she reaches Croydon before 3 a.m. on Sunday, but the newspapers think she may complete her flight to-day. — British Wireless Service.

NEXT STAGE STARTED
Cairo, Later: Mrs. Amy Mollison took off for Athens at 3.11 a.m. to-day, G.M.T. — Reuters.

"HINDENBURG'S" FLIGHT

Successful Crossing
Of Atlantic

London, To-day.

The airship Field Marshal von Hindenburg, which left Lakehurst, New Jersey, at 4 a.m. on Tuesday, was sighted at 7.50 p.m. yesterday from Cork, having crossed the Atlantic at an average speed of over 80 miles an hour. She was expected to land at the new zeppelin airport of Frankfurt-on-Main at 5 a.m. to-day.

The airship will begin her second North Atlantic trip on Saturday. — Reuters' Bulletin Service.

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Geneva: The session of the League Council has been adjourned to June 16, when the discussion of the Abyssinian dispute will be resumed. A number of delegations left last night, but Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, is staying until to-day to fulfil a number of engagements. — Reuters.

REVIEW OF TROOPS

Addis Ababa: Marshal Badoglio held a review of troops on Tuesday, in which 20,000 men marched past, giving the Fascist salute. The Italian flag flew from the royal palace and a salute of 21 guns was fired.

In a terse speech Marshal Badoglio said: "You at my command conquered Abyssinia for Italy. Words are useless; action has brought us victory."

It is reported that many Ethiopian chiefs were present at the parade as the guests of the Italians. — Reuters' Bulletin Service.

"BY THE GRACE OF GOD"
Rome: The Ministry of Justice has just issued a decree, in which it is stated that all juristic documents must henceforth bear the preamble:

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GENERAL STRIKE IN GREECE

Only Minor Clashes
Reported

TRAFFIC ALMOST UNDISTURBED

Athens, To-day.

The strike passed off quietly in the provinces and was considered unsuccessful except at Patras, Calamata and Volo, where shops and works were closed and the strikers' attempts to create trouble were unsuccessful. In Athens the strikers waylaid and stoned tramcars, damaging shops in the main streets. There were minor clashes between strikers and the police. — Reuters' Bulletin Service.

ALL QUIET

Athens: In spite of the general strike, newspapers here are appearing regularly. Traffic is as only the tramway workers are striking. To counteract this, the Government has taken prompt measures, including the mobilisation of traffic workers. As the police have taken comprehensive measures, it is hoped that the disturbances foreshadowed by the Communists will not take place. — Trans-Ocean Service.



Dr. T. P. Chen, above, is personally responsible for the safe return of the Chinese Art treasures which are worth millions of pounds and which are on board the s.s. Ranpura, which sails for Shanghai this evening at 5 p.m. Dr. Chen is accompanied by two assistant secretaries.

YET ANOTHER DICTATOR

Reorganisation In
Austria

SUPREME POWERS FOR DR.
VON SCHUSCHNIGG

Vienna, To-day.

Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, Austrian Chancellor, will become sole dictator of the country by an important reconstruction of the Cabinet, whereby, according to a semi-official communique issued at 4.45 minutes past midnight after a 10-hour sitting of the Cabinet, all the most important home and foreign political offices will be concentrated in the hands of Dr. von Schuschnigg, "with the object of giving, by means of strong concentration, all the force ready to build up Austria and political shelter to all supporters of an independent Austria within the 'Fatherland Front'."

It adds that the main outline of the Austrian home and foreign policy will remain unchanged. — Reuters.

STARHEMBERG OUSTED

Later: The Schuschnigg Cabinet resigned, and the new Cabinet was formed at 3 a.m. Dr. von Schuschnigg is Chancellor, Foreign Minister and Minister of National Defence. The Vice-Chancellor is Major Baarberensfeld. Prince von Starhemberg is no longer a member of the Cabinet. — Reuters.

SUPREME LEADER

Later: Dr. von Schuschnigg becomes supreme leader of the "Fatherland Front" instead of Prince von Starhemberg. Major Baarberensfeld also holds the Portfolios of Interior and Public Security. — Reuters.

CONSCRIPTS IN FRANCE

Modification Allowed
By General Staff

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The French General Staff has decided to release at the end of May all recruits who had served one year at the end of April, but who would, according to the measures passed by the Government last year, have to be retained for another period on the Eastern frontier. Considerable discontent was voiced among the recruits, so that the General Staff decided to release the older classes after the elections. — Trans-Ocean Service.

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Pres. Jackson May 15
Emp. of Canada May 22

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Pres. Jackson May 15
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Agamenon May 19
Chenonceaux May 22
Chichibu Maru May 22
Emp. of Canada May 22
Haruna Maru May 22

FROM MANILA

Gen. Pershing May 15
Pres. Coolidge May 15
Atsuta Maru May 21

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

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Haruna Maru May 22
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Buenos Aires Maru May 23

FROM AUSTRALIA

Atsuta Maru May 21

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Emp. of Asia (via Vancouver) May 14
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Rajputana (K.L.M. Service) May 15
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Closes: Reg. 3 p.m. Ord. 4.15 p.m.
Chenonceaux (Air Orient Service) May 19
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.
Agamenon (via Marseilles) May 20
Closes: Reg. 8.45 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.

FOR SHANGHAI

Emp. of Asia May 14
Jean Laborde May 15
Pres. Coolidge May 15
Yasukuni Maru May 19

FOR MANILA

Taipei May 14
Pres. Jackson May 16
Emp. of Canada May 22
Pres. Van Buren May 22

FOR JAPAN

Emp. of Asia May 14
Taipei May 15
Jean Laborde May 15
Pres. Coolidge May 15
Yasukuni Maru May 19
Tyndareus May 21

CHOOSING THE RIGHT BOOKS

Parents Should Be Reasonable

At a literary meeting recently it was argued that a certain author of high repute and great literary ability was not suitable reading for school-girls. On all sides it was laid down that young people should not read this, that and the other type of book—novels, medicals, philosophical, and communist works being a few mentioned.

The choice of children's reading may be guided, but should not be severely censored. Many otherwise sensible parents exercise undue authority over their children's books and place on the black list a great many that would be of value and interest. Furthermore, they arouse an immediate and inevitable curiosity. Forbidden fruit is notoriously attractive.

Individual Choice

Within limits, it is no wiser to force a selection of books upon children than to impose upon them a code of social rules. Their individual choice should, in some measure, be respected. By reading, much of the adult mind and character is shaped by the child himself. Children develop at different rates and come naturally to choose the books they need most, if they are left alone. Sometimes they may choose bad and foolish books, but the impression left is not so great as anxious parents imagine. No sensible person would advise a young mother to study baby-craft when her children were growing up, but the same person might fail to recognize that certain books are necessary at crucial stages in development. If they are read later, they will not receive the same appreciation.

There is but one motto in reading for the young growing mind—Read it now.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Donau May 14
Rajputana May 15
Agamenon May 20
Buenos Aires Maru May 23

FOR U.S.A.

Emp. of Asia May 14
Tyndareus May 21

FOR AUSTRALIA

R.M.A. Dorado May 15

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For the woman of business we have this two-piece dress in navy crepe, suitable also for informal afternoon wear. Its brief tailored jacket and pleated skirt are softened by the organdie jabot and tiny cuffs. Glenda Farrell, the screen actress, is the model.

THE EVENING COIFFURE

New Materials And Fantasies

The vogue for the headdress continues. Many new materials and fantasies are to be seen on fashionable heads after dark.

Some headdresses are as elaborate as hats. One of the latest developments is a poke bonnet in velvet with latticed brim.

Another is a transparent halo mounted on a wide bandeau of gold galon and tied in a bow to one side.

When feathers are used for headdresses, they are often disguised as some exotic flower—Silver Or Gilt.

The feather flowers are mounted on a slender tortoise-shell band, and arranged in a small bunch is worn a little to the side of the parting. They may be in pastel shades, or are sometimes sprayed with silver or gilt.

Bandeaux for the hair made of clipped feathers and twisted into a rouleau are as soft as chenille.

The use of feather fronds is another idea for the halo type of headdress, the fronds being treated in such a way that when they are curled and stiffened they look like horsehair.

For the debutante, however, nothing is more attractive than a posy of real or artificial flowers mounted on a thin tortoise-shell band.

LAVENDER BAGS FOR LINEN

Good News For The Cupboard

KEEP EVERYTHING FRESH

News for the linen cupboard is always good news, and here are some items, not large in themselves, for blankets as well as for sheets. The linen-proud woman likes to have some lavender or potpourri bags to keep everything sweet and fresh, but she is often annoyed by the way the bags fall out when sheets are disturbed not to speak of their getting into corners, besides which their sweetness is rarely distributed satisfactorily.

The way to obviate these shortcomings is to have a series of thin muslin bags, cut to the exact size of the shelves. The lavender or other scented petals must be put so sparsely into these that when spread out they form no more than a single layer throughout. Each bag is then machined or hand-run across and across into smallish square compartments, each of which contains an equal amount of the scent stuff. That is to say, the scent is quilted into place. One bag is laid on each shelf as a lining, being secured there by drawing pins at each corner. This keeps it from slipping or rumpling in use.

Between Sheets

Similar bags may, if wanted, be placed at intervals between sets of sheets or towels, each one being fixed by two drawing pins at the right height to the back of the cupboard so that they can be drawn forward or pushed out of the way at will without any derangement. A last bag should certainly be attached to a strip of calico as wide as the whole pile of linen to be covered, and the calico pinned to the outside of each shelf. When operations are in progress it is left hanging down, suspended by the calico, at the outside of the cupboard. Then it is a simple matter to fold it firmly over the whole pile so that it lies on the top as a scented cover. By this device all the contents are kept both spotless and scented; and the bags should not need reworking oftener than once a year.

UNDER THE PLATE

Fashions in table linen change with bewildering frequency, but, happily, many of them may be followed very easily by the woman who can do quite simple embroidery stitches.

She must also have an eye for colour, and an aptitude for adapting new ideas to conform to her own particular requirements.

At the moment, large dinner mats with fringed edges are very smart. They look most attractive when the set is composed of different colours and are easily made.

MAN WHO LOST 21 lbs.

Lost His Indigestion Too

The fat man is proverbially good natured and easy going. But here is a fat man accused of being difficult to live with. His wife writes to tell us about him. Just read what she has to say. Her letter is candid; it is amusing; it is worth publishing word for word as she wrote it. Here it is:—

"My husband a little over twelve months ago started taking Kruschen Salts for he now eat anything (including my pastry), but he is now 13½ stone only, instead of 15 stone. What I consider more important than anything else, though, is the splendid effect Kruschen has had on his temper. He is now fit for a woman (not an angel) to live with. My husband is 60 next April and I am 54 next June. I recommend Kruschen Salts wherever I go."—(Mrs.) E. D.

Kruschen does not aim to reduce by rushing food through the body. Gently, but surely it rids the system of all fat-forming food refuse, of poisons and harmful acids which incidentally give rise to rheumatism, digestive disorders and many other ills.

NEWEST BRETON "SAILORS"

Charming Hats To Choose

The small or medium-sized hat is the best choice at this time of year—the newest Breton sailors, or small treader shapes with crowns of black, dark blue or brown panama, the brims of which are gauffered, are charming, writes a correspondent.

In the piquant pork-pie or bowler styles there are many coarse circles or lacquered straws, being mixed with a touch of petersham in colour and a veil adjusted in some fantastic fashion.

In the case of the bowler the upturned lining is generally of a lighter tone. Sometimes the nerve veil is tied tightly round. Rather a hard shape, I think, and once its novelty has gone it should give way to a more becoming style. However, it does not do to anticipate the finish of any popular fancy when we remember the long reign, still continued, of the beret. Possibly the bowler variety may go on appearing.

The Squared Front

There is a distinct tendency to the squared front about the holiday sports peaked hat, whether made in wool, straw or tweed. In most instances I think the back is prettier than the front aspect.

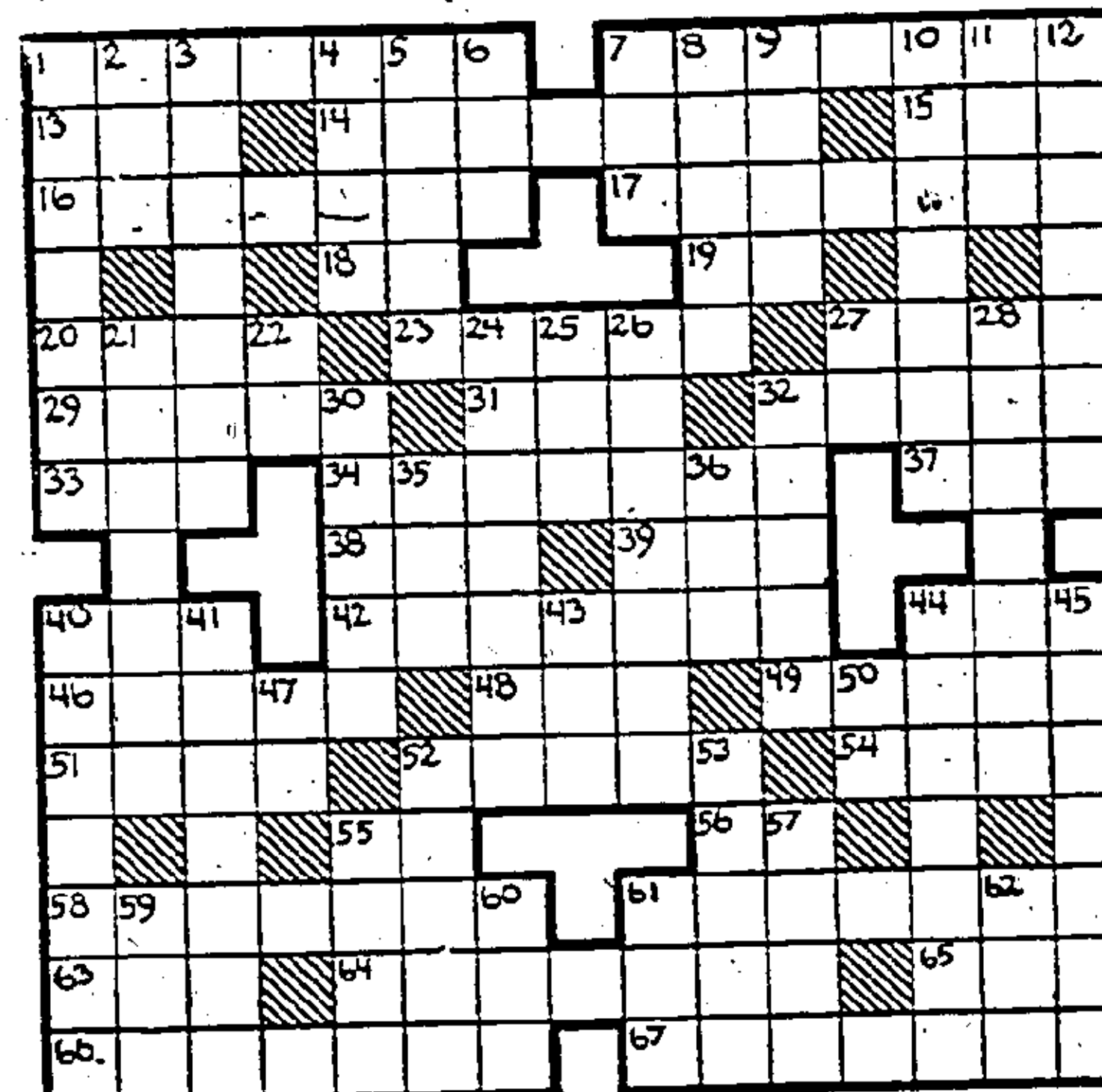
Berets also take on this square look. I prefer the real college mortar-board style, although it cannot be termed practical. The well-fitted crown with a softer folded beret-top in fine fabrics—or linen-straws, are more comfortable for most forms of sporting, and semi-sporting, headgear.

Bright and neat are the scarves or jabots made of spotted or striped surati and taffeta to match a folded beret—or boater, trimmed with a similar gay design. Red and white, navy or green and white spot suggest the welcomed note of colour with dark dresses, or with the many grey variations.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1-Struggles
7-Avers
13-Pronoun
14-Edible
15-Eagle
16-A descendant of Esau
17-Home port of an airship
18-Musical note
19-Preferred (abbr.)
20-Hall
22-Bird homes
27-Wharf
29-A metric measure of capacity
31-Combining form. Air
32-Girl's name
33-Point of compass (abbr.)
34-Debt overdue and unpaid
37-Crimson
38-Electric-bearing atom
39-Girl's name
40-To recede, as the tide
42-Ocean vessel
46-Pastry
48-Loud, brazen sound
48-Pronoun

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

49-Girl's name
51-Greek letter
52-To stick fast in mud
54-Inner bark of a tree
55-Country of Europe (abbr.)
56-Plural suffix
58-Restoration to the protection of the law
61-Artist
62-Female deer
64-Landing place for aircraft
65-Metric land measure
66-Terminations
67-Guaranteed

VERTICAL (Cont.)

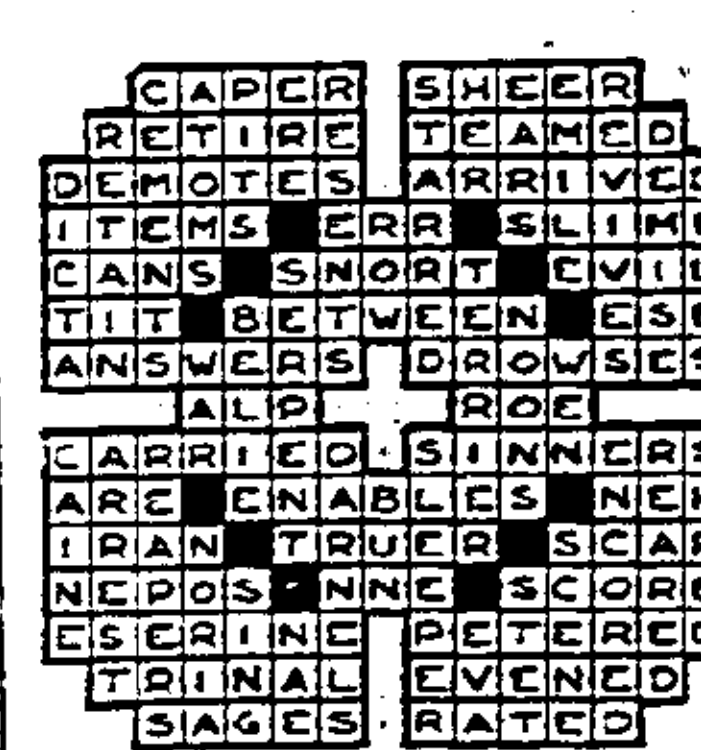
12-Jeered
21-Pertaining to laughter
22-You and I
24-Anxious
25-Look
26-Mindrance
27-Pair (abbr.)
28-Foot
30-Elevate
32-River in S. E. France
35-Decay
36-A roe (Scott.)
38-Opposed to flood-tide
41-Fought
42-Interjection
43-Pertaining to the sole of the foot
46-Penetrated
47-Egyptian god
50-A weight measure (abbr.)
52-Sprout of a tree
53-To acquire knowledge
55-Large web-footed waterbird
57-Rests
58-Prefix. Not
60-Years (abbr.)
61-A Hawaiian food
62-Before

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

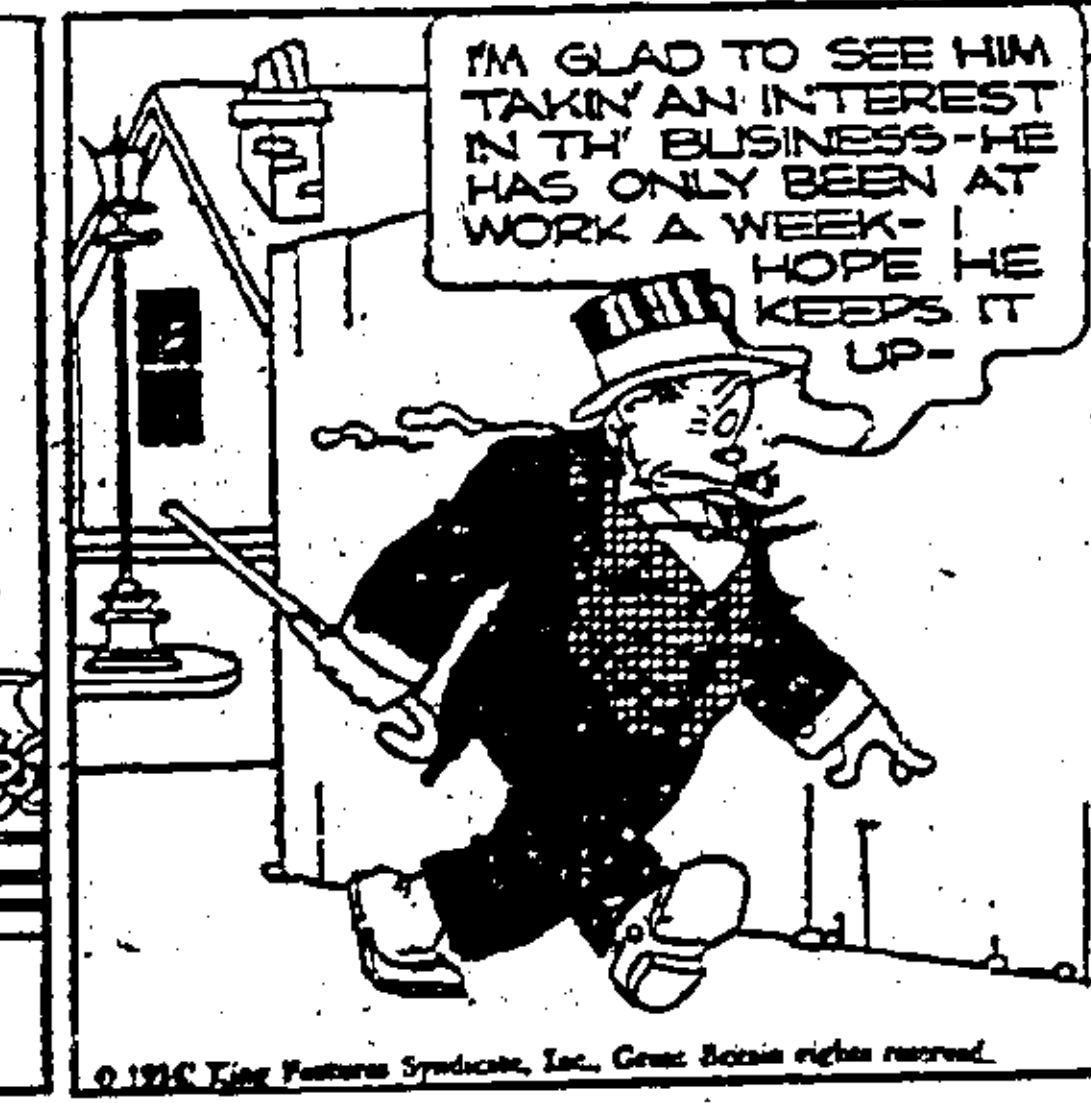
NEW FOB WATCH

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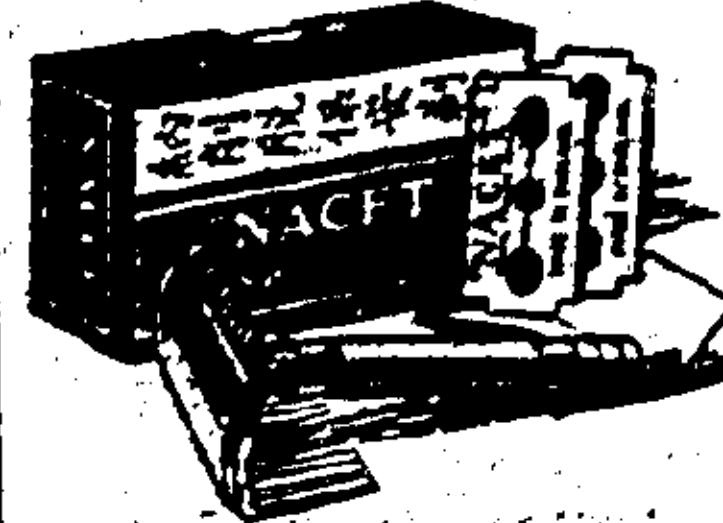
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The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 21st May 1936, both days inclusive.

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Hon., Kong, 30th April, 1936.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 22nd May, 1936, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1935, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 4th May to 22nd May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 24th April, 1936.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 22nd May, 1936, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1935, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 4th May to 22nd May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Hong Kong, 24th April, 1936.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 22nd May, 1936, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1935, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 4th May to 22nd May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 24th April, 1936.

BRIDGE NOTES

Another "Friendly" Game

By Fly Culbertson

(Mr. Culbertson continues his description of a "friendly game" he recently watched).

A tender hearted soul (despite my forbidding exterior), I earnestly hoped that the tide of battle would at least give poor West a breathing spell. Even granting that he had made an egregious blunder in doubling his opponents into game on the previous hand, it seemed to me that he had been rather unlucky to date.

My wish was granted in the next hand, which produced some fantastic but excellent bidding. East, dealer.

North and South vulnerable.

S-9 8 7 4 3

H-7 5 2

D-7 6 5

C-8 4

S-None N-S-A
H-A Q 10 W-E H-K 9 8 6 4
D-A Q 10 4 S-D-K 9 8 7 2
C-K Q 9 5 3 C-7

S-K Q J 10 6 5 2

H-None

D-5

C-A J 10 6 2

The bidding:

East South West North

Pass 1S 2S 3S

4S 5S Pass! Pass

6H 6S Pass! Pass

6 not a Double (final bid)

In many years I never have heard a more remarkable sequence of bids, yet on careful examination I don't think that any of them is open to criticism. Certainly South must open the bidding, although whether or not he should have pre-empted with four spades is a moot point—on many occasions his one spade approach would be strategically correct.

West's forcing overall of two spades is proper, as is North's obvious attempt to shut out with three spades. East, on his strong holding, cannot content himself with merely bidding four hearts when a slam is clearly in sight.

Hence his answering cue bid, showing that he can win the first spade trick. South, with a five spade bid, tries to coax a double rather than a slam bid from the opponents, but West is wary of this trap and makes an excellent forcing pass.

Now East finally declares a suit other than spades, bidding six hearts, and South dare not allow this contract to stand—it is too likely to be successful. His six spade bid is an excellent attempt at a sacrifice. West's second forcing pass over this last bid deserves high praise—almost all players would be irresistibly tempted to double. East solves a ticklish situation with the one correct bid—six no trump. It is hard to censure South for his double—the possible gain, if his partner can stop either red suit, is enormous. And, so far as he can tell, if the six no trump can be made, a seven spade sacrifice might cost 1,000 points.

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RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.

5-6 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

6 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

6.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

7 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.

Fanfare—Selection From "Erik Charell's "White Horse Inn".

The Merry Widow (Lehar).

Song—To Shield the husband's honour—

"Helen" (Offenbach).

Friedel Schuster (Soprano).

7.30 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffin.

Fox-Trot Medley.

It Don't mean a thing: Happy feet;

Everybody loves my baby;

I got rhythm; Memories of you;

Rain and Goodbye blues.

Fox-Trot Medley.

7.45 p.m.—Song by Richard Tauber

(Tenor).

1. Let me love you to-night

(Tunbridge).

2. Night and Day (Cole Porter).

3. Let me awaken your heart

(Tauber).

4. You mean the world to me

(Tauber).

5. Sonja, I love you (Tauber).

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal.

Weather Report; Stock Quotations

and Announcements.

8.05 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

8.05-10 p.m.—European Programme

from Z.B.W. on a frequency of 640

kilocycles.

8.05 p.m.—A Concert.

Pianoforte Solo.

Mazurka in D Major, Op. 33, No. 2

(Chopin).

Mazurka in A Flat Major, Op. 59,

No. 2 (Chopin).

Ignace Jan Padewski.

Song—

Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair

(Foster)

John McCormack (Tenor).

Violin Solo—

Dance of the Goblins (Bazzini).

Yehudi Menuhin.

Songs—

Come back to me (de Curtis)

Venetian Serenade (Melichar)

Beniamine Gigli (Tenor).

Song—

Ave Maria (Verdi)

Margherita Ferras (Soprano).

Instrumental—

Cradle Song (Brahms).

Serenade (Schubert).

The Angelus Octet.

8.35 p.m.—"Peer Gynt Suite No.

2" (Grieg).

8.52 p.m.—"Harry Lauder

Memories"

9 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry

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9.20 p.m.—Songs by Webster Booth

(Tenor).

1. At Dawning (Cadman).

2. Milanway (Forster).

3. The World is mine to-night

(Postford).

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

10 p.m.—Big Ben: Close Down.

[Cinema Notes On Page 11.]

TWO AIRSHIP FLIGHTS

German Machines Over Atlantic

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Hamburg, To-day.

The air-liner Field Marshal von Hindenburg had reached a point nearly half-way between Newfoundland and Ireland at 8 a.m. G.M.T. yesterday, and was travelling at a speed of 140 kilometres an hour, according to a wireless message received from the dirigible by the meteorological station here.

A report received from the airship Graf Zeppelin, now on an outward journey to South America, stated that the airship had reached a point about 600 kilometres north of the Cape Verde Islands at 8 a.m. G.M.T. yesterday, and was also making a speed of 140 kilometres an hour.—Trans-Ocean Service.

had been unanimously decided by all the ex-service men's associations, whether of the Right or the Left Wing, and that the wording of the message was approved by the French Government, although the latter refused permission to have it broadcast.—Trans-Ocean Service.

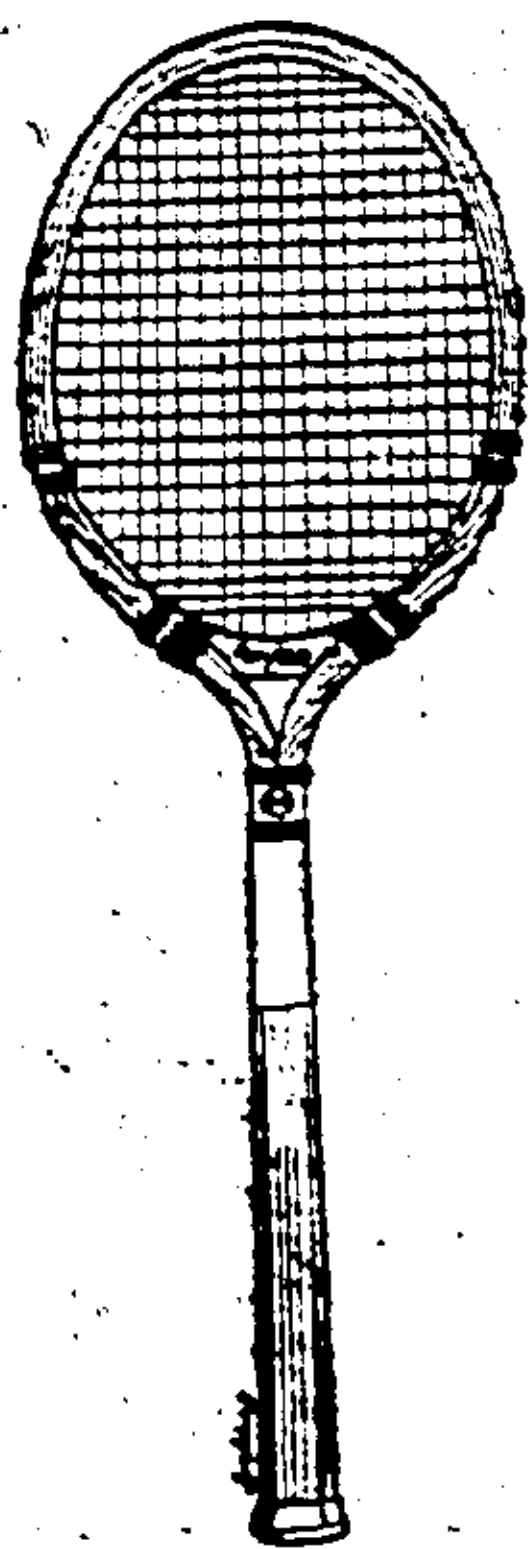
The French ex-service men's message to their German comrades, which was handed to pressmen last Friday by the Secretary-General of the "National Confederation of Former Combatants," the ex-Minister M. Livollet, which contains an earnest appeal for mutual understanding, is warmly welcomed here.

The National-Socialist central organ, the *Voelkischer Beobachter*, states: "Germany welcomes this manifestation of 4,000,000 French ex-servicemen for an honourable peace, which is in accordance with the principles of Germany's policy of peace."

If French ex-service men now likewise come forward in favour of an honourable peace it will be open to effect the penetration of these principles, which have always constituted the basis for the new Germany's policy, into the mass of the French nation."

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GREAT BRITAIN'S FUTURE DAVIS CUP HOPES

SEARCH FOR YOUNGER TALENT
MUST BE CONTINUEDWILL THE FRENCH AND AMERICAN
EXPERIENCES BE REPEATED?

(By H. W. Austin)

GREAT BRITAIN has won the Davis Cup three years in succession, following the six successive wins of the French, and the seven of the Americans. So far we have done well. The chance remains to us of continuing our line of success. What now of the future? When the powers of Tilden, Johnston, Richards and Williams, of America, and of the four famous musketeers of France waned, both these countries suffered a slump. No youngsters came along to keep aloft the flag which the great ones had hoisted and so far no youngsters have restored their lost glory.

Contrary to what one might expect the possession of champions in these two countries did not lead to the production of more champions. Rather than the great ones inspiring the younger generation, the opposite seemed to be the effect, so that, when the great ones passed, no one of the same calibre was found to take their place.

What was the cause of this disappointing state of affairs? What mistakes, if any, did the Americans or the French make that no young players came forward to fill the shoes of those who had grown too old; or was there simply nothing to be done? Is it a fact that champions are born and not made or that nothing we can do can control their coming or their going?



H. W. "Bunny" Austin, above, Great Britain's second ranking lawn tennis player, above, asks some vital questions regarding our chances of retaining the Davis Cup trophy for the fourth time.

The answer is not easy. It is true that players, of whom Perry is the perfect example, drop from the blue like dazzling meteors, and through sheer instinctive genius almost at once take their place among the leaders of the game. It is as if they were pre-destined to be great players, as if Fate played in to their hands, and that to succeed with them was second nature; success being taken almost for granted.

Cannot Afford To Wait

Such players are very few and far between, and if we were to wait for their arrival we might well wait twenty, thirty, or even fifty years. There are other players, however, the great majority, who achieve success through the possession of talent which by hard work and determination is developed to its highest possible pitch.

It is useless, I think, for the country which is looking for talent to wait for the instinctive genius to come along. The powers must search around for talent, and having found it, put it to its utmost possible use and develop it to its greatest possible extent.

We in England possess Fred Perry, and for him we must be devoutly thankful. But we cannot live for ever on Fred Perry any more than the Americans and French could live for ever on their great Davis Cup teams.

While we are enjoying the run of success and holding the Davis Cup is the time to look for those who can step into the shoes of the present Davis Cup team when their day is done. There is no time to waste.

Conjuring Up Players

For a long time we have successfully relied upon three or four men. These cannot go on playing for ever. At any moment one or more may get injured, fall sick, or retire, and who is there to take his place? England is not strong in reserves. We must back them up.

That this can be done is exemplified by our new doubles pair. I must confess that I was sceptical about Britain's ability to conjure up a pair that would win the Davis Cup doubles. But it has been done. Surely then we can conjure up players to take the place of those who are at present holding the fort?

There is no doubt at all that there is plenty of talent for games in England. True a great deal of

it is absorbed by cricket, but more and more young men are taking to lawn tennis, and what cricket leaves over should prove ample. The thing to do is to find this talent. I feel that not enough is being done by those responsible for searching it out.

Rarity Of Good Coaches

Our latent talent must be developed and encouraged. Already the Lawn Tennis Association has wide coaching schemes, and much money is spent each year on them. The L.T.A. have not yet apparently realised that good coaches are as rare as not rarer than good players.

The good coaches who understand the true fundamental principles of the laws of technique can be counted on a few fingers, and one of these (one to whom I personally owe a great deal for what success has come my way) is not used by the L.T.A. at all. We cannot afford to overlook the best coaches—any more than we can afford to overlook and leave out of teams the best players.

The best coaches must in the same way as the best players, be marched out and placed—as in the case of Dan Maskell, who has done so much for the present Davis Cup team—in such a position that the truly promising players, the players not only of ability but with the desire and the

determination and the opportunity to succeed, may be properly coached. A poor coach may easily ruin the most promising player.

Encouragement

Second to coaching and to my mind almost as important, is proper encouragement. Some players bursting with self-confidence have no need for encouragement. They get all they need from themselves. But to others a word of encouragement can be of infinite value. In this respect the L.T.A. have in the past been somewhat niggardly.

When our heads pat themselves on the back for having produced a team which has won the Davis Cup they should remember that in the days before success came the British powers were singularly lacking in understanding and encouragement and that any advice or assistance received came from outside friends, both known and unknown, rather than from the L.T.A. itself.

Not Encouragement

To send a promising player free of charge to a coach, to send him on tennis round the world is something for which the player should be grateful, but is not encouragement.

Encouragement is the helpful word from an older player who knows the difficulties; who has encountered them himself; who is willing to discuss the game with the rising player, and to befriend him; not to look down on him from a lordly height because he does not at first succeed and take it for granted that he never will.

Team Spirit All Round

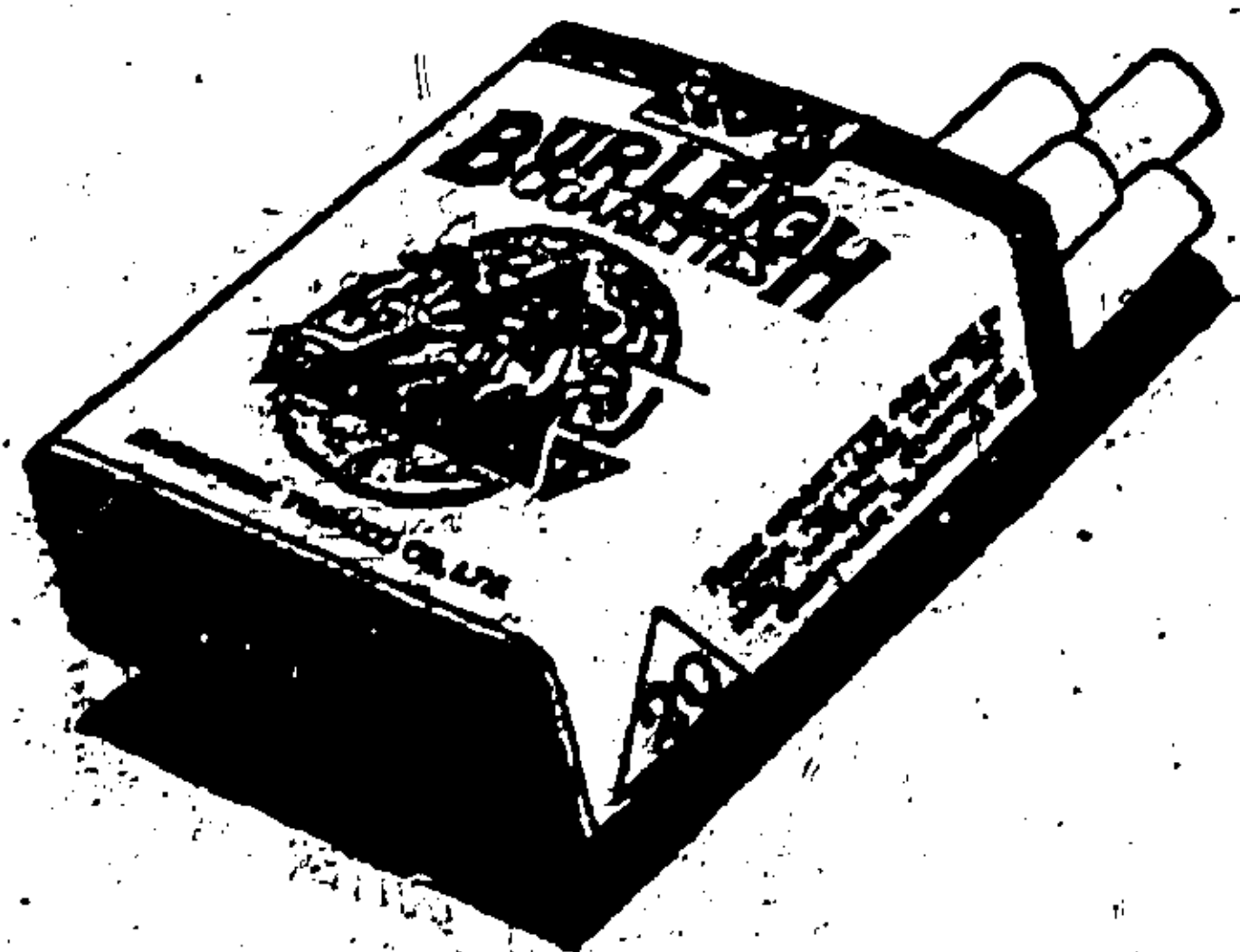
Understanding and co-operation between the ruling body, the coaches and the players is what is needed more than anything else to produce our future champions. It is such co-operation, such understandings between ruler and ruled which makes for the health of the game. And it is not too much to say that if the game is healthy the players will succeed.

This co-operation of which I talk is nothing more or less than the team spirit; the team spirit not only of a team itself but of those who select the team and those who govern the destiny of the game. And this team spirit, a spirit of mutual help between player and player, between coaches and player, and between the Lawn Tennis Association and player will more than anything else, help to maintain Britain's lawn tennis supremacy.



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Y.M.C.A. SUMMER
PROGRAMME

(Continued from Page 4)

A suggestion for the erection of a chute in the deep-end of the bath argued at length, and it was ultimately decided that the bath was not large enough to accommodate one in addition to two diving platforms. Experience in the past had shown that whenever diving boards and chutes were placed in close proximity, accidents invariably occurred and, since an accident had not yet been registered in the pool, it was thought advisable

to retain that record.

Launch Picnic

In view of the lack of support, the proposal for the continuation of weekly bathing picnics (launch picnics) was defeated, and instead it was suggested that a bi-monthly picnic should be held on alternative Saturdays and Sundays, and, if enough support was given to the latter day, they might be whole-day affairs.

Mr. Ingram said that he had been given the option of a house at Cheung Chau and again, providing there was enough support, week-end parties were quite with in reason. A notice calling for support in this connection would be posted on the Notice Board and there would also be a notification

in the monthly notes which would give the subject ample publicity.

Concert On Roof

In addition to the above, the Women's Section would probably stage several novelty evening, and the Social Committee were to be asked to arrange a flannel dance and a concert on the roof, if possible.

Mr. Sell suggested that the Tourist Club might further their activities by visits to the several islands in the vicinity of Hong Kong, where there were Chinese temples, while visits had yet to be paid to Macau (a whole-day affair) and to Cheung Chan.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr. A. W. Ingram.

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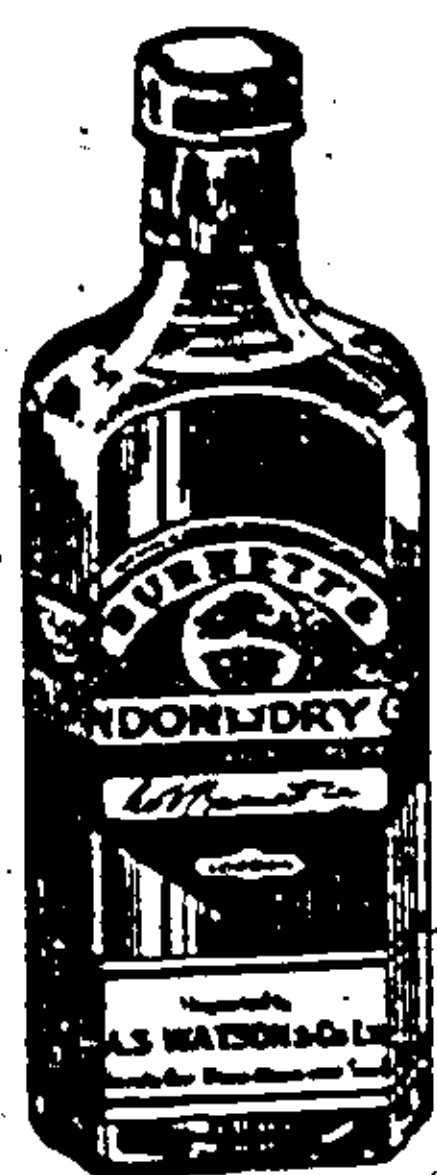
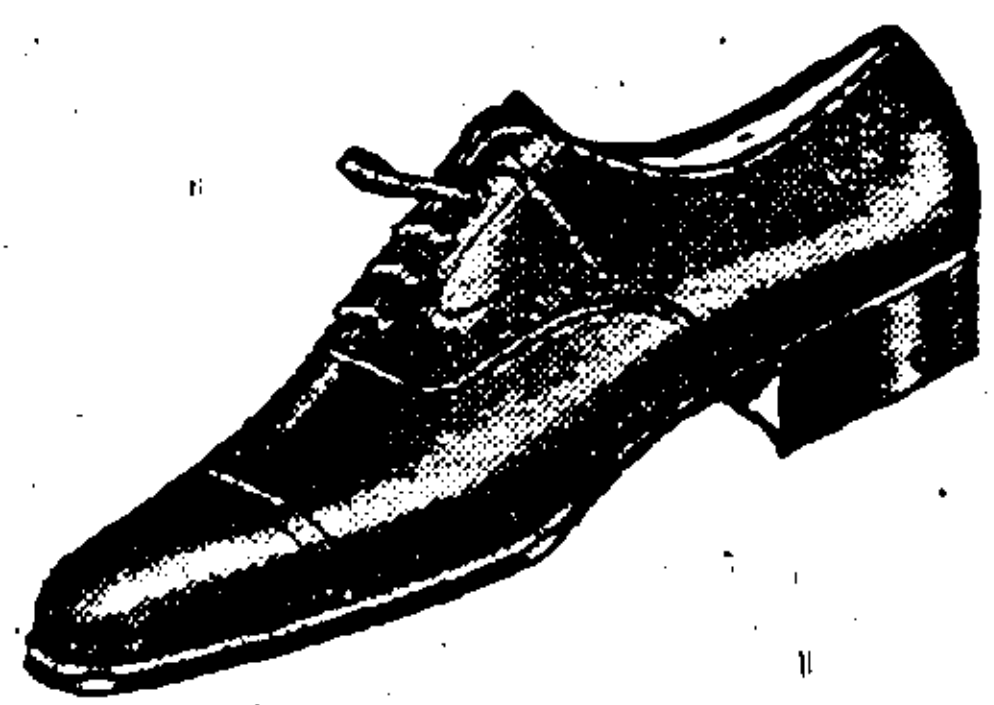
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. & Mrs. Fung Kong Un beg to announce that the marriage of their daughter, Stella, to Mr. Chau Sing Kan will take place at the Registry on Thursday 21 May 1936. No invitations are being issued but all friends will be welcome at the Reception to be held at the Hong Kong Hotel at 4.30 p.m.

Hong Kong, Thursday, May 14, 1936.

National Recovery

If the state of the shipbuilding trade is indeed the most reliable yardstick of the general status of industry as a whole, then Great Britain has further cause to congratulate herself on her obvious steps towards recovery. None of the great British industries was so heavily hit by the depression as was shipbuilding. Nobody who read Priestly's "English Journey" could fail to be impressed by the appalling conditions in the shipbuilding centres of the country that that depressing book revealed—"redundant" yards closed down, grass growing in drydocks which in years gone by housed great ships, and, above all, the squalid hopelessness of thousands of would-be workers "laid off" for no fault of their own. In addition, it will be admitted that few industries are of more importance to the basic industrial activities of the country and its general welfare. The figures which were published last month, which show a marked and progressive recovery in the British shipyards, are therefore of the most encouraging significance.

The history of England is built up on ships. All her greatness derives from the sea and from those who go down to the sea in ships. She has been the breeding place for countless generations of men who have laboured on the sea, have sailed the oceans in their "wooden walls" and have kept alive a valuable heritage of courage, endeavour and service. Also British shipbuilding has built up over the years a fine record of unstinting work, well done. It is surely gratifying to find that British shipyards are quietly regaining their old supremacy in the world shipbuilding market. When the figures were issued last month they showed that of the merchant shipping then on the stocks, 46 per cent. was in British yards. There was improvement in 1935. At the end of the first quarter of 1936 the tonnage in hand was nearly 100,000 tons more than when the year began, and 286,000 tons more than a year before. The shipbuilding industry had, in fact, worked its way back to the position which it held before the full force of the depression. The amount of tonnage building, 842,000 tons, was the highest since the end of 1929.

British shipbuilders, in fact, are making a brave fight against subsidised foreign construction. One could only hope that the same might be said of British ship-owning. Year after year the chairmen of the great companies refer to subsidised foreign competition; is not the time for undue optimism, but it is possible that the development of naval construction will provide a good deal more work in the near future. If this leads to the steady expansion which is so much more desirable than a tramp shipping has allowed them more or less to hold their own. Improvements in hull form and machinery have been

EXPLANATION
OF TO-DAY'S
CARTOONA Versatile
Sportsman

HENRI Strand of Seattle has won three different championships in three states and in three different sports. In 1960, he won the 100-yard free style swimming championship at the Pacific Northwest Y.M.C.A. meet in Everett, Washington. In 1932 at Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington, he shared the Outdoor Long Range Smallbore title, shooting 199 out of 200. In 1935 he won the singles handball title of the Pacific Northwest Association at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland. The tournaments are the means of determining official champions of the Pacific Northwest district, comprising the three states—Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Sweet Milk To Butter
In Three Minutes

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MORE UNREST IN
JERUSALEMStern Warning By
Authorities

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Jerusalem, To-day.

The number of acts of sabotage and bomb-throwing increases with the approach of the 15th, the day the Arab ultimatum to the Mandate Government expires. A case of this kind was the shooting of the Mayor of Haifa, who was accused of being too "conciliatory."

The British High Commissioner has issued a proclamation to the population warning them against heeding the summons to participate in the taxation strike and to disobedience. Military reinforcements, including one regiment of infantry, one tank battalion and several armoured cars, have arrived, which could easily be further strengthened by air transports. Further troops are in readiness to protect the population against acts of violence and incendiaries. Since the unrest began, over 600 agitators have been arrested, and for the most part already sentenced. The proclamation closes with the warning that any violation of the law will be severely punished. —Trans-Ocean Service.

devised which make the modern cargo boat far more efficient than those 10 years old. All these encouraging signs may be directly traced to the stimulus afforded by the building of the Queen Mary and the Government policy, which, though still woefully under the full range which is generally advocated, has had the effect of inducing mercantile interests to place orders in expectation of a more prosperous future.

The improvement which the latest figures show has been shared by all the chief shipbuilding areas. There are still some "redundant" yards which are out of commission; but it is also true to say that many of the working yards are offering more scope for the employment of more workpeople than was the case a year ago. This is not the time for undue optimism, but it is possible that the development of naval construction will provide a good deal more work in the near future. If this leads to the steady expansion which is so much more desirable than a tramp shipping has allowed them more or less to hold their own. Improvements in hull form and machinery have been

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

"REDS" ANNEX A SAINT

In a Spanish village recently the Communists had burnt the church and all the shrines—except one.

They commanded a religious procession bearing the only surviving image of a saint to stop outside the party headquarters. There the local leader tied a piece of paper to the hand of the image. At the shrine the priests found that the paper was a Communist party membership card.

It was inscribed something like this:
Name: Santo Tomas.
Residence: Shrine at the top of the hill.
Profession: Saint.

IMPROVED LORD'S WICKET

It is stated that the effect of relaying the Lord's wicket has been good. There is, therefore, hope for better scores than those of last season, when the "middle" was ruined by leatherjackets.

Only ten sides put up totals of over 250 in first-class matches at Lord's last season. No fewer than nine were put out for 100 or less.

Only seven centuries were scored on the headquarters wicket—by Hendren (2), Croom, Mitchell, and Siedle of South Africa, Wyatt, and Studd of Harrow.

One has heard it argued, however, that it was the batting that was bad.

Your Daily Smile!

"Many business men enjoy quiet afternoon naps in their offices," says a writer. "Doing their daily dosing, as it were."

Not Worth its Salt? In a recent court case a woman stated that she bought some pork that wasn't even worth pickling.

REASONABLE DAMAGES

The motorist, who had just run over a hen in a country lane, was eager to compensate the farmer for his loss.

"I suppose" he said, "I will square the thing," he said.

The farmer was about to take the money, when he paused.

"No, sorry," he said, "I don't think that's enough. You'd best make it 10s. I have a rooster that thought a mighty lot of that hen and the shock may kill him, too."

HIDDEN WAYS OF
ENGLANDSECRETS TO SHARE WITH
HOLIDAY-MAKERSSOLITARY, SLOW AND WAYWARD
ARE THE KEYWORDS

(By S. P. B. Mais)

HAS it ever struck you how little of the real England you or anybody else has ever seen?

It does not follow that because England is small she is therefore easy to know. A small safe can be more difficult to open than a huge cupboard.

The Alps and the Steppes are obvious. England is the least obvious country in the world.

She demands from those who seek to unveil her beauty certain qualities that are daily becoming more difficult to attain.

First, there is the tempo. You and I are in love with speed. We find, most of us, a sense of superb satisfaction in flying. We like the feeling that we are saving time; we like, in moderation, the sense of danger; and our sense of superiority is definitely heightened by looking on the world from above. All this is very natural.

Not By Aeroplane

But do not imagine when you are flying that you are seeing England. You can get a better idea of Texas from the air than you can from the back of a horse, but you must not pretend that you can distinguish between Rutland and Leicestershire from an aeroplane. England from the air is just a comfortable patchwork quilt.

"If I had no reference to futurity," said Dr. Johnson, "I would spend my life driving briskly in a post-chaise with a pretty lady."

No one but a misogynist would deny that being driven fast by a pretty lady in a comfortable car is one of the purest of human pleasures. Indeed, its only handicap is its frequent reference to immediate futurity. To drive fast is pleasant, and the companionship of a pretty lady is pleasant, but neither of these delights has anything to do with seeing England.

You can no more see England from a main arterial road

than you can see her from the air. What you see from the air is a painter's palette, a harmonious blend of greens and browns. What you see from the newly constructed roads is a garish rash of scarlet, the unhealed wound of a land laid waste.

Bicycles Are Too Swift

Nor is the landscape seen from the carriage window of a railway train calculated to inspire. The track runs, for obvious reasons, through the least attractive parts of the country towns, the houses turn their backs to it, and only the factories desire its better acquaintance, while the countryside itself slips past as an indeterminate medley of rather commonplace green fields.

How often in the boat train have I travelled with unhappy foreigners whose looks betray what they are too polite to express in words.

"Is it for this," their eyes seem to say, "that I have crossed 3,000 miles of sea?"

It is for this, and the journey is infinitely worth while, but you cannot see from the carriage window what you have come to see, for no man living can savour the sweetness of an English field at 60 miles an hour.

Even a bicycle is too fast. Speed should not average more than 1½ miles an hour. There are but two ways, on horseback, as William Cobbett and Gilbert White saw it, on foot. And even then you may go wrong.

Wesley's Way

John Wesley rode on horseback all over England with a slack rein, which was good, but with a book in his hand, which was not so good.

Hikers travel on foot, but they see nothing of England, for two reasons. They travel too fast and they walk, as starlings fly, in multitudes.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

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CANADIAN STRONG MAN
PUSHED
A 162½ LB. DUMBBELL
TO ARM'S LENGTH OVERHEAD
36 TIMES!

Chicago, May 7, 1936

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Levy On Government Salaries

SHING MUN EMPLOYEES TO BE EXEMPT

As a sequel to the recent Ordinance imposing a levy on the salaries of Government servants, a resolution was passed at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council exempting all public officers employed on the Shing Mun reservoir works as they were engaged on a temporary basis.

Another resolution fixed the exchange rate for the conversion of salaries at 1s. 5½d.

Those present at the Council Meeting included:

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Andrew Caldecott, Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E.);

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops Brigadier H. S. Seth-Smith, D.S.O.);

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North);

The Attorney-General (Hon. Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.);

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. W. J. Carri);

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. E. Taylor);

Hon. Mr. A. G. W. Tickle (Acting Director of Public Works);

Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, O.B.E., (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services);

Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Inspector General of Police);

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C.;

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson;

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E.;

Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau;

Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell;

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell;

Hon. Mr. S. W. T'o, C.B.E., LL.D.;

Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo;

Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall (Deputy Clerk of Councils);

Brigadier H. G. Seth-Smith, D.S.O., Officer Commanding the Troops in China, took the Oath of Allegiance and assumed his seat as a member of the Council.

The Colonial Secretary by command of H. E. the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee No. 3 of April 22 and moved that it be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and this was agreed to.

Kai Tak Aerodrome

The Colonial Treasurer: Your Excellency, Under Item 6 Airport (b) Airport and Seaplane Slipway the sum of \$860,000 has been approved for the total cost of these works. See Appendix VI (b) page 115 of Estimates 1935.

Up to December 31, 1935, \$583,931.92 only had been expended owing to delay in arrival of materials although when the 1936 Estimates were framed it had been thought that the larger sum of \$708,695.86 might have been expended up to the end of last year. The actual balance remaining on January 1, 1936, was therefore \$276,068.08 against an estimated balance of \$151,304.14. A resolution has already been taken for the expenditure during 1936 of the latter sum and I am now asking that the difference between \$276,068.08 and \$151,304.14, namely, \$124,763.94 be also made available in order to complete the works this year. I move:

That this Council approves the expenditure during the financial year 1936 of the further sum of \$124,763.94 on Item 6 Airport (b) Airport and Seaplane Slipway which sum shall be met from surplus balances pending the issue of a further loan.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: I would like to ask why this expenditure is more than originally anticipated?

The Colonial Treasurer: This expenditure is not more than was anticipated. It is merely carrying forward the balance not expended from last year to this year, and is in the original estimate of \$860,000.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

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and Mrs. A. E. P. Guest and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Chum and family; Mrs. E. Lee and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. Knox and family; W. F. and E. F. Fincher; Mr. Ho Wing; Hung Ts-leung, H. Q. Hunt, W. C. Hung, H. C. Hung and A. Hung; and Classes III and IV, Maryknoll Convent School.

THEFT THAT CAUSED LOSS OF \$20,000

Aunt Robbed And Beaten By Favourite Nephew

Robert Mulcahy, of Jersey City, had an aunt who was reputed to be rich.

When he was arrested on a charge of robbing her of \$5 and of beating her, she revealed that he had been her favourite relative and that she had intended to leave him her entire estate of \$20,000.

OLD RESIDENT OF COLONY PASSES

Mr. Harry C. Jex

BURIAL AT HAPPY VALLEY

The funeral of the late Mr. Harry Carmel Jex, who died at the Kowloon Hospital on Tuesday, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. The coffin was carried into the cemetery by Messrs. Starling and Tom Jex, A. Urquhart, and R. Lee. The Rev. L. L. Nash, Acting Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School, officiated at the graveside.

The deceased, who had been an invalid for a great number of years, was 47 years of age. He was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School.

He leaves two daughters, Tamara and Zena, the latter being the wife of Mr. Leslie Wood, and now in England. Deceased is also survived by two brothers, Tom and Starling.

Those present included Miss Tamara Jex (daughter), Mrs. Starling Jex, Mr. H. Gittins, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Anderson, Mr. Peter Wong, Mr. W. G. Williams, Mr. T. Knox, Miss Brackstone, Mr. S. V. Gittins, Mrs. A. J. Kew, Mr. A. J. Kew, Mr. T. Bolt, Dr. E. Law, Miss G. Ablong, Mr. A. H. Roberts, Mr. N. Braga, Mrs. Matthews and many others.

A wreath from "Tom and Tamara" was buried with the remains, and other floral tributes included those from "Lillian and Sandy," "Donald and Mary," "D.K.," Miss E. C. Thomas, Ruby Mow Fung, Miss L. G. Ablong, Misses L. and E. Rogers; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. V. Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Kew; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jones and Dickie; Dr. and Mrs. Edward Law; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ferguson; Miss A. M. Williams and Mr. W. G. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fisher; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Booker and family; Mrs. A. Ethne Matthews and family; Mr. and Mrs. H. Gittins and family; Mr. (Continued at foot of Preceding Column.)

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Today's Complete Short Story

The Man Who Was Two

By A. E. D. Smith

LAST summer I went walk-

ing through the Highlands, to the great good of my body and the uplift of my soul, and it was after I had come out of Sutherland by way of My Lord Duke's place and Bridge of Bonar, and was swinging over the high, wild hill road that leads to the green eastern fringe of Ross-shire that I fell in with my packman friend.

I had spotted him plodding ahead of me for some time, and when I caught up with him—a smallish, wiry-looking, elderly fellow, trim-legged in old army breeches and puttees, with a wooden, brass-tacked box slung over his shoulders—there was something so engaging in the merry, roguish eye he rolled at me, something so innately cheerful in his comic, rather squeaky voice as he passed me the time of day, that involuntarily I slackened my pace, and fell into stride with him.

I asked; for nothing concerning that was to be learned from his speech, which seemed, indeed, to be a medley of dialects.

He shook his head.

"English, then?"

At that he gave me a queer look, and in a voice so entirely changed that it might have been another man speaking, said: "God forbid, with all respect to the southern tongue of ye." Then, with an apologetic smile, he added quickly in his normal tone: "That was Jasper, sir. Ye mustn't take any notice of him. He was always a bit bitter against the Sassenachs—party along of the Cork Examiner which me uncle used to send him, and partly along o' some trouble with a Navyman over a wench."

Naturally I stared at him; but he went on unconcernedly: "No, sir, I'm Irish, though born in Dundee. At least, that's what me old mother, God rest her, always told me, though I never could see meself how she could be sure. For she was the big-hearted, loving sort, ye see, sir, and loved so many men that somehow she never found time to hitch up legal and proper with one."

He again looked at me queerly, and taking off his battered felt hat, mopped his brown, wrinkled forehead with a surprisingly clean handkerchief. "Getting a bit warm, ain't it, sir?"

"It is," I agreed thoughtfully.

Again his voice underwent that surprising change, and in deep, slightly nasal tones he said: "The

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BANKS

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Authorized Capital \$5,000,000
 Issued and Fully Paid-up \$3,000,000
 Reserve Funds:
 Sterling \$6,500,000
 Hong Kong Currency \$10,000,000
 Reserve Liability of Pro-
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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

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Paid-up Capital \$3,000,000

Reserve Fund \$3,000,000

Reserve Liability of Pro-
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SHARE MARKET

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

The following was the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks

H.K. Bank \$1,565 3/4

H.K. Bank (London) \$1,053 1/2

Chartered Bank \$1,414 1/2

Mercantile Bank A and B \$30 1/2

Mercantile Bank C \$133 1/2

Bank of East Asia \$73 1/2

Insurance

Canton Ins. \$275 1/2

Union Ins. \$522 1/2

China Underwriters \$1 1/2

China Fire Ins. \$430 1/2

H.K. Fire Ins. \$250 1/2

International Assce. Sh \$33 1/2

Shipping

Douglases \$36 1/2

H.K. Steamboats \$4 1/2

Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$30 1/2

Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$20 1/2

Shell (Bearer) 96 10 1/4

Union Waterboats \$12 20 1/2

Mining

Antamoks \$2 36 1/2

Balatoks \$2 1/2

Baguio Gold 23 cts. n.

Benguet Consolidated \$13 1/2

Benguet Exploration 21 cts. b.

Big Wedge 32 cts. sa.

Demonstration 82 cts. b.

Gold Creek 15 cts. n.

Gold River 3 1/2 cts. n.

Iogons \$1 20 1/2

I.X.L. \$1 65 1/2

Salacots 13 cts. b. 14 cts. sa.

Kailin Mining Ad. 11 1/3

Langkats (Single) Sh \$10 1/2

Masbate 80 cts. b.

Shai Exploration Sh \$4 1/2

Shanghai Loans Sh \$4 1/2

Raubs \$11 1/2

San Maurice \$1 20 1/2

United Paracale 38 cts. b. 35 cts. sa.

Venz Goldfield \$4 1/2

Docks, etc.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$90 1/2

H.K. and W. Docks \$9 1/2

Providents (old) \$1 10 1/2

Providents (New) 20 cts. n.

Hong Kew Sh \$185 1/2

New Engineering Sh \$4 1/2

Shanghai Docks \$100 1/2

Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons Sh \$3 1/2

Shanghai Cottons (old) Sh \$7 1/2

Shanghai Cottons (new) Sh \$39 1/2

Zong Sing Sh \$12 1/2

Wing On Textiles Sh \$25 1/2

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. and S. Hotel \$4 1/2

H.K. Lands \$3 1/2

H.K. Lands 4% Debentures 100% b.

Shanghai Lands Sh \$15 1/2

Metropolitan Lands Sh \$10 1/2

Humphreys \$3 1/2

H.K. Realities \$5 1/2

Chinese Estates \$32 1/2

China Realities Sh \$4 1/2

China Debentures Sh \$60 1/2

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways \$1 15 1/2

Peak Trams (old) \$7 1/2

Peak Trams (new) \$3 1/2

Star Ferries \$83 1/2

Yammat Ferries \$19 1/2

C. Lights (old) \$10 60 1/2

C. Lights (new) \$7 35 1/2

H.K. Electric \$50 1/2

Macao Electric \$20 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Narrow Trading Affair

NO DISCERNIBLE TREND

Messrs. White, Weld and Company, New York Correspondents for Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company, report:—

Stocks:—To-day's market was a narrow trading affair and there was no discernible trend in either direction, although some issues reacted slightly upward from the recent decline. Steels, motors and rails were outstanding, but in other directions sentiment showed little change. Business done:—\$90,000 shares.

Wheat:—Prices advanced somewhat in sympathy with the advance on other markets. Sentiment, as a whole, is still good and we would recommend the taking up of position on any marked declines. Total sales:—\$29,445,000 bushels.

Cotton:—Continued May liquidation by the Producers' Pool was well taken. There was considerable straddle buying for October by Liverpool interests and prices advanced on this factor and on continued unfavourable weather in certain sections of the Cotton Belt.

Flash:—Average daily petroleum production during the past week is estimated at 2,962,000 barrels, as compared with 2,918,000 barrels the previous week. The Edison Electric Institute estimates electricity production for the past week at 1,948,000,000 k.w.h., which is an increase of 14.4 per cent. over the corresponding period of last year.

LOCAL DOLLAR STEADY

Silver Prices Rise

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/35d. Spot silver advanced 1/16 at 20-1/16, while "forward" also rose 1/16 to 20-1/2.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S. \$4.97 as compared with \$-U.S. \$4.97, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S. \$4.96, as compared with \$-U.S. \$4.97.

Sandakan Lights \$8.30 n. Telephones (old) \$25 b. Telephones (new) \$3 n. China Buses Sh \$11 1/2 n. Singapore Tractions 23/- b. Singapore Tractions Pref. 23/- n.

Industrials
Malabon Sugars \$3.40 n. Cald., Macg. (Ord.) Sh \$19 1/2 n. Cald., Macg. (Pref.) Sh \$15 n. Canton Ices \$1 1/2 n. Cements \$10 n. H.K. Ropes \$4.40 n.Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms \$20 s. Watsons \$3.45 b. \$3.45 sa. Lane, Crawford \$5 1/2 n. Mackintoshes \$5 n. Sinceres \$1.80 n. Wm. Powells 50 cts. n. Wing On (H.K.) \$50 n.Miscellaneous
Entertainments \$2.30 n. S. C. Enterprises \$1.35 n. Macao "Greyhounds" \$2 n. Constructions (old) \$1 1/2 n. Constructions (new) 30 cts. b. Vibro Piling \$4 n. Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.S. 93 1/2 n.

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5 1/4 % prem. H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan par. b. Wallace Harpers \$4 n.

COMPANY REPORT

LOCAL INSURANCE BUSINESS

DIVIDENDS AND BONUSES

In their report to the shareholders, to be presented at the annual general meeting of Friday next at 11 a.m., the Directors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., states:—

Marine.—The 1934 Account has been closed and the Profit of \$3,410 3s. 4d. carried to Profit and Loss Account.

The net premiums for the year 1935 amounted to \$162,667 12s. 3d. and claims and expenses to \$91,713 7s. 10d. The Balance carried forward, including the additional reserve, amounts to \$120,954 4s. 3d.

Fire.—The net premiums amounted to \$116,223 10s. 7d. and claims to \$52,963 4s. 7d. After taking into commission, expenses of management and fire brigade fees, and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a credit balance of \$3,518 11s. 11d., which has been carried to Profit and Loss Account.

The Fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to \$36,439 8s. 3d. Accident and General.—The net premiums amounted to \$54,470 0s. 7d. and claims to \$32,623 11s. 9d. After taking into account commission and expenses of management and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a credit balance of \$21,149 19s. 7d., which has been carried to Profit and Loss Account.

The Fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to \$31,302 19s. 11d.

Accident and General.—The net premiums amounted to \$263,123 4s. 8d. and claims to \$157,615 17s. 2d. After taking into account commission and expenses of management and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a credit balance of \$11,071 0s. 5d., which has been carried to Profit and Loss Account.

The Fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to \$153,644 15s. 10d.

Dividend.—The Directors recommend a dividend of \$1 10s. 0d. per share, payable on May 22, 1936.

Contributory Bonus.—The Directors recommend a bonus of 20 per cent. to contributors of contributory premium, payable on May 22, 1936.

Profit and Loss Account.—The amount at the credit of the Profit and Loss Account, after providing for the Dividend and Contributory Bonus for the year 1935, is \$135,064 13s. 11d.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
The Directors' Report of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., to be presented to shareholders at the annual general meeting next Friday, states:—

Profit and Loss Account.—The amount at the credit of the Profit and Loss Account, after providing for the dividend and contributory bonus for the year 1935, is \$686,824 11s. 10d.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.
In their annual report, to be presented to shareholders on Friday next at the annual general meeting, the Directors of the British Traders' Insurance Company, Ltd., state:—

Messrs. E. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits currency from Singapore for Raw Rubber.

Buyers.
Spot 25 1/2 Up 1/4
July/Sept. 25 1/2 Up 1/4
Oct./Dec. 25 1/2 Up 1/4
Jan./March 26 1/2 Up 1/4
Market.—Undertone Firmer.

RAW RUBBER PRICES

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Spot 25 1/2 Up 1/4
July/Sept. 25 1/2 Up 1

CONCERT TO HELP THE POOR

Function At Club de Recreio

AID FOR CHARITABLE INSTITUTION

A concert of operatic music, capably performed, and including choral items as well as duets and solos, is a sufficiently rare event in Hong Kong for it to deserve particular attention. Next Saturday night, at Club de Recreio, Kowloon, at 9 p.m., there will be a particularly attractive concert, with a programme arranged by Prof. E. Gualdi, organised in aid of the poor who are helped by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The programme, however, is not made up exclusively of operatic selections, for it also includes some delightful specimens of old English music.

The Choral Group has already made a name for itself, for those who have heard it in the concerts in which it has appeared at the Peninsula Hotel have testified to its excellence. Several music-lovers in the Colony boast that they have heard every one of its performances so far.

There will be instrumental items from Prof. E. Gualdi (violin) and Miss Maple Quon (piano), while the vocalists will include Miss Elvie Yuen, Mrs. Lilian Urquhart, Messrs. Henry Talbot, Alec Greaves and Eneas and Gaston d'Aquinio.

The proceeds of the concert will be devoted entirely to the poor who are assisted by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, for all those taking part are giving their services entirely free, and the Club de Recreio is also giving free the use of its excellent hall.

It is probably unnecessary to remind the public also that all the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul likewise give their services gratis. It may be said that every cent that is collected goes to the poor, for the Society is so organised that administrative expenses are practically eliminated.

What is more of interest, however, to those who help the Society is the fact that all the charity which is given through it is given to those who are deserving of assistance. The Society does not distribute relief indiscriminately. It gives help only to those whom its members by personal acquaintance know to be worthy of help.

The members weekly visit the poor in their own homes and are in a position to decide who is deserving of assistance. In these days, when even the most charitably disposed have very limited means at their disposal to help the needy, there is a particular satisfaction in knowing that one's aims are not bestowed on those who are undeserving, and this can be secured by giving alms through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It helps the poor, irrespective of race or creed.

The tickets for Saturday's concert may be obtained from the Tsang Fook Co. in their new premises in Marina House, Queen's Road. They cost \$2 for reserved seats, and \$1 for unreserved seats.

Tickets may also be obtained at the St. Teresa's Rectory, 99c Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong, and at the entrance of the Club on the night of the performance.—Contributed.

KING'S GREAT UNCLE

Returns To Town From Bournemouth

London, To-day.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught arrived in London on Tuesday from Bournemouth. Yesterday morning the King walked across from St. James's Palace to Clarence House to pay a call on the Duke. Other members of Royal family, including the Duke of York, also called at Clarence House during the morning.—British Wireless Service.

H.M.S. Bruce will leave at 6 p.m. to-day for Wei-hai-wei, and H. M. Submarine Rainbow will leave at noon for the same destination. H.M.S. Dauntless will escort the P. and O. liner Ranzania, carrying the Chinese art treasures, to Woosung, leaving at 5 p.m. to-day, and H. M. Submarine Rover is due to arrive in port from Shanghai to-morrow to refit.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. James Johnston Ferguson, schoolmaster, King's College, and Miss Phyllis Louise Ogilvie Young, of "Marybank," 18 Brook Street, Broughy Ferry, Dundee.

A public lecture in English will be delivered by His Exalted Eminence Maulana Muhammad Abdul Aleem Siddiqui on the subject of "Human Responsibilities" at the Helena May Institute to-day at 5.30 p.m.

The attention of the public is specially directed to the time of closing the mail for Europe by the s.s. Rajputana on Saturday, May 16. The ordinary mail will be closed at 10 a.m. and the registered mail at 9.15 a.m.

The next Whist Drive for members and their friends of the Kowloon Cricket Club, will be held on Wednesday next at 9 p.m. As a result of the great success of the last whist drive the Committee have decided to hold these functions on the first and third Wednesday of every month until further notice. The charges are: Ladies, 50 cents; Gents, 50 cents, including light refreshments.

Mr. H. S. V. Mossop, solicitor, of 458, The Peak, was fined \$15 when he appeared before Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy yesterday and pleaded guilty to a summons for allowing his dog abroad in Barker Road unmuzzled and not on the lead.

A public lecture on "Mutuality in Art" by Mrs. Alfred N. Macfadyen will be given in the Lodge Room of The Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Hong Kong Club Annex, No. 18, Chater Road, this evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss B. Adey, sister of Miss Joyce Adey, who represented the Colony Ladies against the Shanghai Ladies in the Interport hockey contest last February, arrived in the Colony this morning by the s.s. Ranzania on a visit to her married sister.

Lady A. Innes-Ker and Miss J. Innes-Ker arrived in the Colony this morning from Europe by the s.s. Ranzania.

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club are reminded that the presentation of prizes for cricket, tennis, bowls and billiards will take place next Saturday evening at 9.15 p.m. in connection with this a very fine cabaret concert is being arranged by Messrs. Grenham and Simpson. Friends, both ladies and gentlemen, of members are invited, and there will be no charge for admission.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.11 inch. The total since January 1 has been 9.72 inches, against an average of 15.12 inches.

What is believed to be a world record was created last year by the Kowloon-Canton Railway, which on Jubilee Day carried on one train of 12 coaches a total of 2,237 passengers, from Canton to Hong Kong, the normal carrying capacity being 1,174.

DEFENDANT BOUND OVER

Alleged Persistent Telephone Calls

The case in which Phalwan Khan, a motor driver, is charged with having made persistent telephone calls on May 2, to No. 54 The Peak without reasonable cause so as to cause annoyance, was brought to an abrupt ending when, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for the defendant, said that as the result of the amended charge, which includes the dates between April 10 and May 2, he would have to cross-examine the witnesses, which he did not do at the previous hearings, as their evidence did not then effect his defence.

He suggested that to save the time of all concerned the defendant be bound over, which would prevent a recurrence of the annoyance. This was what the complainants wanted. The views of Mr. Locke were sought, and as he agreed, this course was taken.

The Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild is convening a gathering of members and friends at the Cecil Hotel at 5 p.m. to-morrow to see the mural decoration of the ballroom by Mr. Wong Sui Ling, before he leaves the Colony to undertake other commissions. A statement will be made about the Guild and its co-operative studio, and discussion and suggestions will be invited. Anyone who is interested in Art in Hong Kong will be welcome. Those who attend are asked to contribute 20 cents towards defraying the cost of the refreshments.

One case of measles was reported to the health authorities during the 24 hours ending on Tuesday.

RETURN TO STRESS FRONT UNLIKELY

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"In the Name of His Majesty, Victor Emmanuel III, by the Grace of God and the Will of the Nation King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia."—Trans-Ocean Service.

France Shows Herself Perturbed

ITALY'S FRIENDSHIP MUST NOT BE LOST

Paris: Baron Aloisi's sudden departure from Geneva under instructions from Signor Mussolini is causing consternation here, the question uppermost in the minds of the editorial writers being whether Italy intends to stay away from Geneva temporarily or permanently.

The papers appear to be unanimous in taking the view that Italy will not return before sanctions have been abandoned, and this prospect causes them to dwell with some anxiety upon the possible repercussions in Europe. Many press comments express the view that one must either renounce sanctions or see Germany reap the fruits of Italy's policy at Geneva.

Confronted by this, alleged alternative most of the papers do not hesitate to decide in favour of the renunciation of sanctions. Even the Radical-Socialist paper *Republique* would rather have sanctions abandoned than lose Italy's friendship, which "France needs in order to counteract Herr Hitler's claims."

Le Journal also warns against isolating Italy, since such a policy would result only in "putting Italy at the mercy of Germany's machinations, enabling the latter to make use of Italy in an attempt to exert pressure on Britain."

NEUTRAL STATES

The *Echo de Paris*, however, is inclined to believe that Italy has not left Geneva definitely, because the fact of her having taken part in the Geneva discussions since last autumn had in various ways proved profitable for Signor Mussolini. The paper goes on to say that many neutral States are no longer willing to make sacrifices in order to enable France and Britain to save the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway and the sources of the Nile for themselves.

The paper draws special attention to the strange attitude assumed by M. Litvinoff, who during the discussions following the Laval-Hoare plan had been the most zealous advocate of sanctions, but who on Tuesday had seen fit severely to criticise everything which might be calculated to make worse the relations between Geneva and Rome.—Trans-Ocean Service.

STIRRING UP TROUBLE

Berlin: The German press is protesting vehemently against the statement by the diplomatic correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, who asserted in Geneva that the German Chancellor had said that the outcome of the Abyssinian conflict was a severe loss for British prestige, whereupon the smaller member-States of the League had immediately called on Mr. Eden and assured him that they considered this statement of the German Chancellor an unjustifiable discrimination against Great Britain.

The German press states itself to be in position to assert that this statement of the *Daily Telegraph* is a pure invention, and puts the open question to the paper: "Where and when did the Fuehrer make this remark?" It is added that it is time that those who deliberately try to poison the

CORRESPONDENCE

A Museum Piece

[To The Editor "China Mail"] Sir,—I am afraid I can't help "Eeyore," whose plaintive appeal you published yesterday; but I have in my possession a valuable museum piece—a genuine cupronickel Hong Kong 10-cent piece, circa 1935—which I shall be glad to let him have for a dollar. IKKY.

Need Of Education Reform

[To The Editor "China Mail"] Sir.—The strictures made by "A Parent" some time ago in the local papers on the system of education in Hong Kong must be still fresh in the minds of the public, who owe him much for his fearless and, above all, truthful exposition of this important subject affecting the schools and the public in general of Hong Kong.

The strong exception he took to the Mathematics and Science subjects being taught in most schools instead of other more useful and practical ones is both pertinent and irrefragable, for they give only hazy ideas of Science when imperfectly taught, and consequently the students' knowledge of Physics and Chemistry will not be sufficient to make them chemical clerks, nor will their knowledge of Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry make them surveyors.

The root of the trouble complained of lies in the excessive regard which the Hong Kong Schools and Colleges have for the results in the Matriculation and School Certificate Examinations by Hong Kong University, which seem to them to enhance their reputation but which are no true passports to the students' education, because the standard of English of many matriculation or higher-class students is low. "A Parent" unequivocally stressed this point when he said that there were many students holding matriculation or higher-class certificates who could not write three sentences correctly. Truly, what is the use of teaching all these subjects, which are useless in the students' occupation after they have left school, when English, which is the most important of all the subjects, seems to have been neglected, or imperfectly taught, or at least inefficiently acquired by the students?

And I can go further and say that even many University graduates from different places are also deficient in their English, and it is really a mystery how they obtained their degrees because, in order to be successful in gaining them, they had to express their thesis correctly and intelligently. I went even so far as to question some of them in the matter and the answers they gave were invariably: "I don't know, but anyhow I have got my degree." Something should soon be done to reform the educational system, and as Hong Kong is essentially a commercial port, it follows that a sound commercial course will be more in keeping with its needs.

J. M. XAVIER.

good relations between the nations should be rendered innocuous.—Trans-Ocean Service.

CIVILISING PLANS

Addis Ababa: The Viceroy Marshal Badoglio, received pressmen in the palace of the Negus and told them about the gigantic task on which Italy was about to embark to make Abyssinia a fit home for white people.

The first big job, said Marshal Badoglio, would be to make exact geographical, ethnographical and economic maps of the country, a task that would take many years.

In the political sphere the violence of the feudal system would have to be eradicated. Moreover the enlightenment of the Abyssinian people would be carried out by a corps of teachers, doctors and handicraftsmen, and would begin immediately. The Abyssinians would furthermore be taught the Italian language, to bring about a direct contact between the people and the Government.

WINGS OVER ETHIOPIA

The aeroplane base ship *Miraglia* left Naples with a new cargo of aeroplanes for East Africa on Tuesday. Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the air force are being kept another four months under colour. On Tuesday the steamer *Principessa Giovanna*, with 1,650 officers and men, left Naples for East Africa.—Trans-Ocean Service.

CHINESE WEDDING IN PENANG

Well-Known Families To Be United

Penang, May 6.

Two well-known Chinese families of Penang, Straits Settlements, will be united when Mr. Choong Min Fatt, Secretary of the Chinese Consulate, is married to Miss Por Joo Yeok, daughter of the late Mr. Por Yam Hong and Mrs. Por Yam Hong, at the Chinese Town Hall on May 24. Mr. Choong Min Fatt, who has been attached to the Chinese Consulate for the past 13 years, is the only son of the late Mr. Choong Yew Meng. Mr. Choong is a very popular member of the younger set of Penang.

Miss Por, a brilliant English and Chinese scholar, was until recently a pupil of the Convent and the Yeok Lum School.

Mr. Shu An-Chi, Elève Chinese Consul, Penang, will officiate at the wedding.

LOCAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

No Fatalities Last Week

In the Colony of Hong Kong, including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories, during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday last, there were altogether 43 traffic accidents, as the result of which 20 persons were injured.

Of the persons injured, 13 were pedestrians who were either walking or running across the road and were struck by vehicles. One bicycle rider was injured through falling off his machine. One lorry passenger was injured through falling from a moving motor lorry.

Two bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving motor buses, and three bicycle riders were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles.

Of the 43 accidents, 24 were collisions between vehicles; 15 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; and 6 accidents were due to other causes.

MOTOR CLEANER SENTENCED

Theft Of Tools From Motor-Car

Wong Kwai, a motor cleaner, residing at No. 21, Jardine Bazaar, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning for the theft of two shifting spanners, one screw driver, one small spanner and a hammer from car No. 369, belonging to Sub-Inspector A. E. Carey. Defendant was also ordered to pay \$8 amends for one spanner which was not recovered, or to serve an additional seven days.

Inspector Logan said that the defendant had been employed as a car cleaner by Sub-Inspector Carey since February and was arrested trying to sell the tools to a marine hawk. Defendant admitted two previous convictions.

BRITISH TRADE FIGURES

All-Round Increases Shown

London, To-day.

The preliminary figures of overseas trade in April, issued by the Board of Trade last night, show an all-round increase in imports, compared with a year ago, together with a rise in total exports. Exports last month amounted to £33,427,000, compared with £36,510,000 in March and £33,010,000 in April 1935. The value of imports was £66,666,000, compared with £68,052,000 a month before and £59,872,000 a year ago. Re-exports totalled £5,322,000, against £5,960,000 and £4,203,000 respectively.

For the first four months of this year exports were £139,483,000, against £138,438,000 in the corresponding period of 1935, while imports were £266,691,000, compared with £237,866,000, and re-exports were £21,780,000 compared with £18,089,000.—British Wireless Service.

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The Man Who Was Two

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great drawback to this country, sir, in weather like this, as I've often told George, is the distance between the pubs. 'Tis the same even in the south—sixteen long miles betwixt Annan and the fine town o' Dumfries, and never a place on the whole length of it where a man may wet his whistle."

Then, shaking his head as though reproving himself for having made the statement, he went on in what I may call his own voice: "Ah, well; that makes no matter to me; for fortunately or unfortunately, I've no stomach for the liquor. A bar o' milk chocolate, now..."

"No," I laughed, rather uncomfortably; for it now seemed fairly obvious that the old fellow was a bit cracked. "And I don't mind telling you that at this blessed minute I'd swap a barrow-load of chocolate for one honest-to-goodness Bass."

"Then ye're in luck, sir," he said promptly, and there was now an eager, roguish twinkle in his old blue eyes; "for just round the next corner is the only inn 'twixt here and Novar; and that's a matter o' fifteen dusty miles."

He evidently knew his map, for sure enough, fifty yards farther on the inn became visible—a little squat grey building dumped on the open moor like an upturned stone box.

As I made for the door, wilfully ignoring my companion, I saw out of the corner of my eye that he was lingering rather pathetically a yard or two behind me, and I suddenly turned back to him. "You may be able to buy that bar of chocolate here," I suggested wickedly, and thrust a penny into his hand.

He shook his head dejectedly. "Afraid not, sir. They don't sell sweets here. The nearest shop is at Novar, and that, as I said, is a dusty fifteen..."

And then a wide grin swept over his impish old face, and he was again trying that queer voice-changing trick on me. "Stuff yourself, if ye will, George, with that stomach-turning trash," said the deep, nasal voice, "but speaking for myself, me throat's as dry as frizled sandpaper, and if the gentleman offers ME a pint, I'll say 'Yes, and God bless him,' mighty quick, I can tell ye."

"Come in," I said grimly. A shy, gawky girl brought in the two pints I had ordered. For Scotland, it was quite good beer. My companion nodded affably at me, said something that sounded like "Slanty-vow," picked up his glass, threw back his head, and set the glass down again—empty.

"Glory be, but that was good," he said in a deep voice that seemed to come from a long way down his chest.

"For a man with no stomach for liquor, you seemed to get that one over passably well," I observed drily.

He gave me a slightly reproachful look. "Of course, sir, you don't understand," he said sorrowfully, in his other and what I have already called his natural voice. "No, 'tain't in nature that anyone should understand."

"I think I do, you old rascal!" I laughed softly, for the solution had just flashed upon me; and I nodded knowingly at the brassy-topped box on the bench beside him.

He shook his head. "Ah, sir, there's many a one has hought what ye're thinking—that I'm a what-you-may-call-it, a ventriloquist, with an out-size doll named 'Joey' in that old box o' mine. Well, ye're wrong, sir. See! Nothing but a few ribbons, buttons and collar-studs."

Quite shamelessly he relapsed into his deep voice. "If my throat wasn't still like dry sandstone, I'd tell the gentleman the story me self," he said.

I rang the bell again. "The real trouble, sir," said my packman friend, as he blew the froth off his second pint, "the trouble that often makes me mistrusted by honest gentlemen like yourself—is me brother Jasper."

"Go on," I said patiently. "Well, sir, Jasper was Irish, too. He must have been, if what me old mother said was true, for we was twins, you see; and twins more than ordinary. 'Like as

two peas' wasn't the words for us. Like as two pennies fresh from the Mint, we was; like as two postage-stamps; like as—well, like as two anything that was the dead spit o' each other. George—I was baptised, and Jasper him, but from the day when me mother, God rest her, was out longer than usual for her morning gin, and the string that was tied to the big toe of one of us got sucked off, nobody could ever tell which was which—so maybe I'm really Jasper, and maybe he's George."

"Well, me and Jasper, or me and George, as you like to take it, grew up together like twin lilies in the Dundee Gallowgate, and was whacked for each other's misdeeds, and took the wrong medicine, and played all the usual twins' pranks, and more, that ye read about in boys' books. And when we come to man-size the only way to tell us at all was that Jasper had a deep voice, while mine was kind o' high and squeaky, as ye'll maybe have noticed; and even that didn't help much, because each of us could more or less imitate the other."

"So things went on in the same old mix-up, and my girl married Jasper by mistake, and the girl Jasper should have married stuck a knife into me—likewise by mistake. And then along came this war that ye've maybe heard o', and to escape the women and one thing and another, there was Jasper and me joining up to fight for the oppressors of poor old Ireland."

"Then it was France, and muck and blood and brimstone, and me and Jasper wearing out our rifles side by side, and getting on not so badly if it hadn't been for the platoon sergeant. A big slab o' bad luck from Pitlochry, he was, with a face about as kind as a paving-stone."

"Well, one fine evening when there wasn't much doing, and me and Jasper was sitting in a quiet corner of the trench, busy putting our private marks on the back o' a pack of cards, the sergeant suddenly comes round the corner."

"'Hullo!' says he, in his pleasant undertaker's voice, 'and what might ye two sons o' Satan be up to now?'"

"As a matter o' fact, we was just deciding which one of us is to win the V.C.," says Jasper, friendly-like.

"It's that machine-gun post just opposite us, sergeant," says I. "Me and Jasper was figuring out a scheme for capturing it single-handed, as you might say. The idea is for him to pop over the parapet and make a straight dive for it in broad daylight and as for me, I'll be there to follow him. Us being as like as two peas, we reckon the Germans will take me for Jasper's ghost, ye see, and naturally bolt at once."

"Me brother hasn't got it quite right, sergeant," puts in Jasper, shaking his head gently at me. "What we're really planning is that he's to be the one to pop out of the trench first, and that I'm to be the ghost."

"It's a grand idea," says Pave-met-Face. "The only improvement I can suggest is that ye should pop out together, and both be ghosts."

"And ghosts it was for him; for at that blessed minute one o' them nasty things like a flying coal-scuttle hits the paradox just behind us, and up into the blue goes a lump o' France about the size of a parish. When I claws my way into the daylight again, there is no sign of Jasper or the sergeant."

"'Jasper!' I shout. 'There is no answer. 'Jasper, boy! Where are ye?' I yells again."

"And then very faint, and yet somewhere near, I hears him answering me. 'All right, George; I'm here.'"

"Where?" "Here, of course," says he; and by the blessed Saints, 'twas from me own inside that his voice came!"

"'But ye can't be there!' says I, looking down perplexed-like at me own stomach."

"'Why shouldn't I be?' says he. 'It's the — er — suddenness that kind o' did it, George,' says he, apologetic-like. 'When me body went whizzing into the wind in ten thousand little bits like that, the naked soul of me was left standing shivering for a second or two just behind ye, not quite knowing where to go; and then,

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Graceful Tribute By His Excellency SERVICES TO COLONY

A graceful tribute was paid to Sir Thomas Southern at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E.

His Excellency said:—It is again my misfortune to preface the proceedings of this Council with the mention of a deep loss recently sustained. Our last session followed the departure of an Unofficial colleague who had devoted to the public interest as much time and labour as we demand of an Official member: to-day we deplore the loss of our Colonial Secretary whose work aided and supplemented by that of his wife, achieved and maintained an influence with, and on, the people of this Colony far beyond the ordinary confines of officialdom. I little thought, when Sir Thomas Southern welcomed me on board ship last December or during the weeks that followed (when he so generously gave to me not merely of his official collaboration but of his personal counsel and friendship) that I was so soon to be deprived of my good fortune. I make no excuse for introducing this personal note here, for at none of the valedictory functions had I the opportunity of adding my individual tribute to the general chorus of gratitude and affection. I suppose that seldom, if ever, have a man and his wife (for it is impossible to speak or think of the one without the other, so signal and effective was the merging of their two personalities in public and social service) received such an eloquent and inspiring send-off as Sir Thomas and Lady Southern. My words this afternoon must indeed be in the nature of an anticlimax, for the people of Hong Kong have spoken for themselves, and need neither orator nor interpreter. Nevertheless our local *Hansard* must not be left without a confirming record, however inadequate, of that great popular acclamation. Our warmest wishes go out to Sir Thomas for the success and happiness of his administration of The Gambia, and I ask your permission to direct the Clerk of Council to forward him a copy of these proceedings.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., as Senior Unofficial Member, and the Hon. Dr. S. W. T'so, as Senior Chinese Member of the Council, speaking on behalf of their colleagues, heartily endorsed His Excellency's appreciation of the late Colonial Secretary.

suddenly, there was Old Nick less than a yard away, with the sergeant in one hand and the other grabbing out at me. What I ask ye, was I to do? Of course, I did the only thing—I just jumped inside you. Sure, ye wouldn't grudge your own twin brother shelter, would ye, George?"

My packman friend glanced down at his empty glass and smiled wanly at me. "Well, that's how it is, sir. Me and Jasper have lived in this old body of mine ever since, and except for a difference o' taste in the matter o' refreshments, we get on quite well together, as ye see. It's a queer story, you'll say; and indeed, it's only to an understanding gentleman like yourself that I'd care to tell it."

I said nothing, so after a pause he reached for his box, and, rising, adjusted it about his shoulders. "I see ye mean to rest here for a while, then?" he said resignedly. "Well, it's the road for me again, I suppose. There's a comforting widdy-woman down in Novar who's always pleased to see me, and though it's fifteen dusty

"Just a moment!" I called, laying my hand on the bell as he reached the door. "If it really is true—about you and Jasper inhabiting one body, I mean—let's hear both of you speak together."

He twisted his head to look back at me as he passed into the sunlight, and I was irresistibly reminded of an elderly, impenitent

"Oh, go to hell!" he grinned. "Haven't you had yer bob's worth?"

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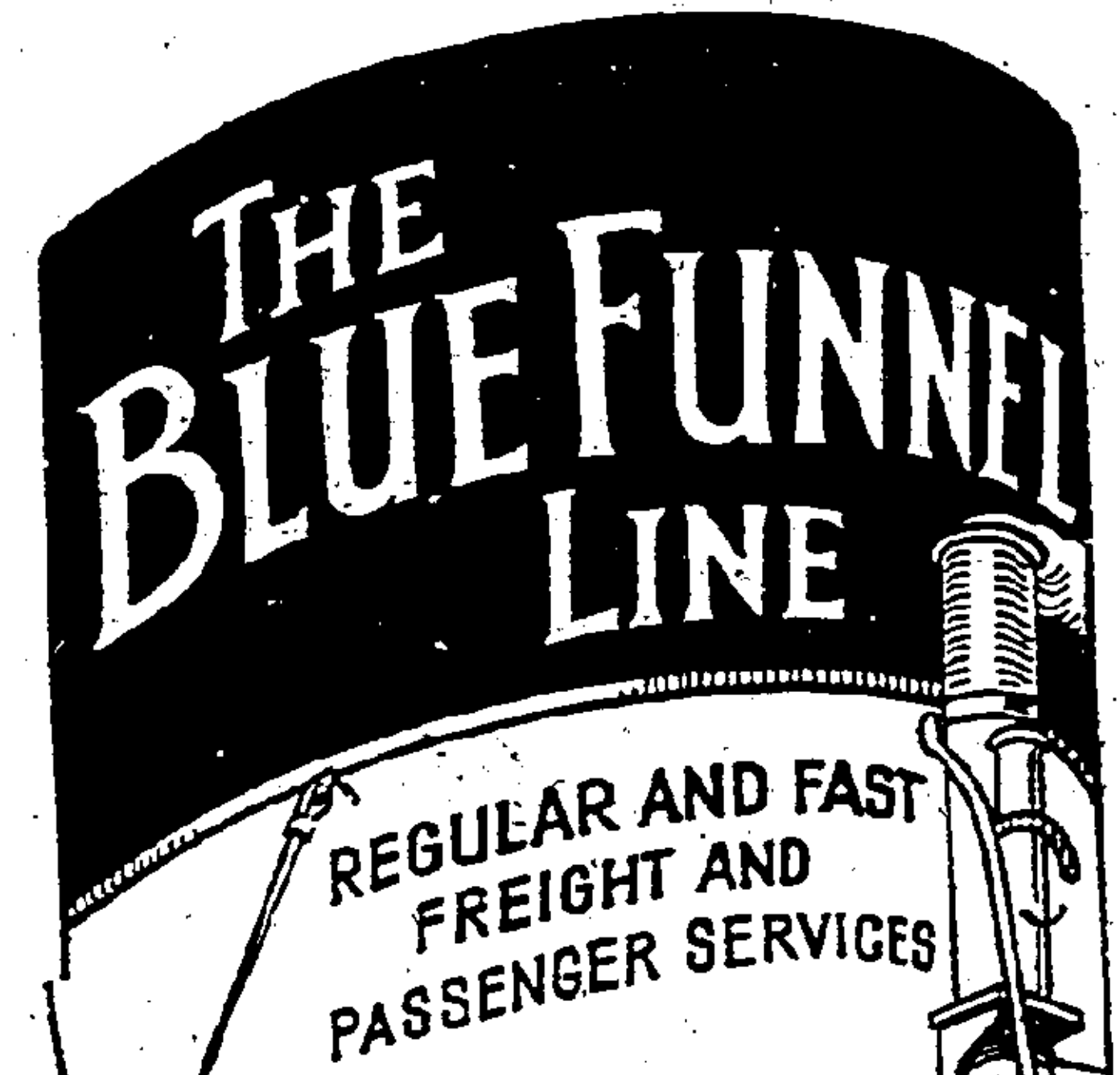
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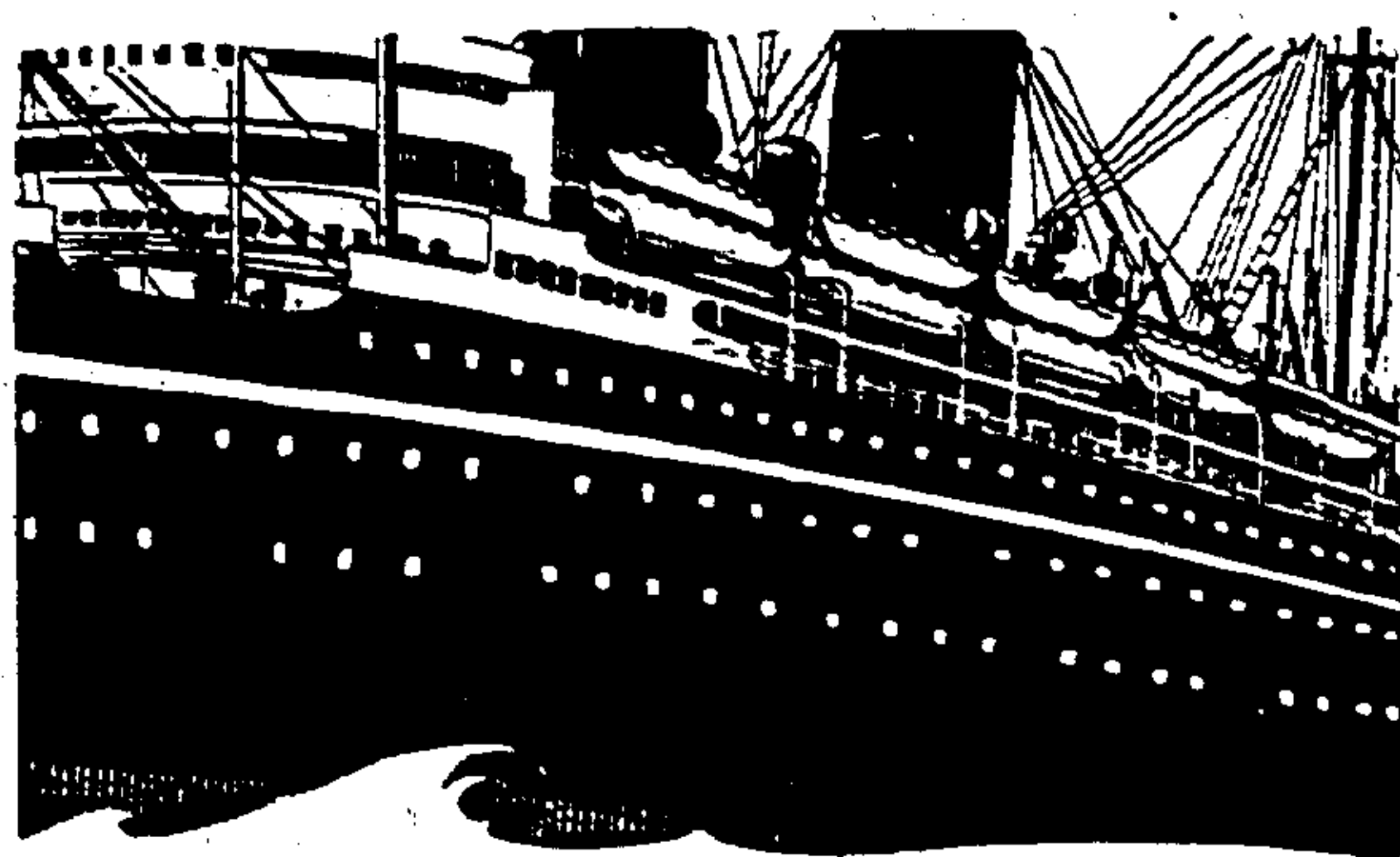
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"YELLOW DUST"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

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Leila Hyams is the beautiful singer, Onslow Stevens the crooked mining town boss. Jessie Ralph, Ady Clyde, Moroni Olsen and Ted Oliver are prominently cast. Wallace Fox directed "Yellow Dust."

"WITHOUT REGRET"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Never has Elissa Landi, Paramount actress, been assigned a role demanding so much from her acknowledged versatile capabilities as in "Without Regret," Paramount's sophisticated romance featuring also Paul Cavanagh, Frances Drake and Kent Taylor.

Her newest characterisation is a complete deviation from her past performances. Recognised as a comedienne, in sophisticated comedy parts, of exceptional skill, Miss Landi appears in an intensely dramatic portrayal which calls forth all the deep emotional histrionics which she has proved herself to possess.

In "Without Regret," Miss Landi gives a performance that justifies the varied talents of which she is capable. As an attractive young woman travelling in China, she is swept off her feet by the ardent attentions of Kent Taylor, handsome, ne'er-do-well aviator. She lives to regret her marriage to him. Being officially informed of his death, she marries again, this time a man worthy of her love, Paul Cavanagh, wealthy, famous titled London physician.

Frances Drake, Taylor's ex-sweetheart appears, informing her that her first husband is alive and demanding blackmail or she will expose the bigamous marriage of her rival. Many dramatic, thrilling situations follow. Miss Landi's attempt to save her husband's career from scandal, disgrace and ultimate ruin.

"THE GARDEN MURDER CASE"—KING'S THEATRE

As the super-scientific detective, Edmund Lowe gives a performance in this picture that is utterly delightful. He crawls his way in and out of a series of thrilling adventures, more than once being in actual danger of sudden death.

But not one of his thrills can be compared to his sudden falling in love! It is the first time in Philo's adventures that he was undergone this experience, and the way he reacts to romantic situations is at once humorous and entertaining.

Virginia Bruce is the smart society girl who gives him palpitation of the heart, and to save her from police suspicion he risks not only his reputation, but his life.

Supporting the two principals is a strong cast, each member of which deserves special mention. Outstanding in their roles are Benita Hume, Douglas Walton, Nat Pendleton, Gene Lockhart, H. B. Warner, Kent Smith, Grant Mitchell and Frieda Inescort, while Henry B. Walthall, Jessie Ralph, Charles Trowbridge and Etienne Girardot contribute notably.

"STRANGE WIVES"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

A gripping romance of an American who married a foreign wife, and a honeymoon that was worth waiting for, forms the basis of the plot in "Strange Wives." Universal's thrilling comedy drama.

She portrays a 10th Avenue shop girl who marries a drunken society man, following a champagne party. His life was ruined when he was jilted by a gold digger. Bette makes a man of him and is smart enough to separate him from the woman he formerly loved.



Daisy Guillaume, circus equestrienne, is up in the air, on a ladder, to get on even terms with Jack Earle, eight-foot-six giant, her companion of the big top at New York. Love, however, surmounts all difficulties.

"Strange Wives" gives you an American business man who marries a Russian refugee. Right after their honeymoon her relatives come to live with them. They are a temperamental lot. One of the sisters-in-law marries a millionaire. A brother-in-law marries a movie actress and becomes a leading man. Another girl just arrived from the old country becomes a flapper. They try to marry her off to an artist but instead the latter falls in love with the wife.

It is one of the most absorbing stories ever told on the screen and is splendidly acted and directed. Roger Pryor and June Clayworth appear in the leading roles, ably supported by such players as Esther Ralston, Hugh O'Connell, Ralph Forbes, Cesar Romero, Phyllis Brooks, Francis L. Sullivan, Valerie Hobson, Ivan Lebedeff, Leslie Fenton and many others.

"SO RED THE ROSE"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

This picture, with Margaret Sullivan and Randolph Scott in the leading roles, deals with the American Civil War and shows the desolation it caused, not by battle scenes, but by what it did to one particular family.

The Bedfords (Walter Connolly and Janet Beecher) live a happy and peaceful life on their plantation with their lovely daughter (Miss Sullivan) and her cousin, with whom she is in love (Randolph Scott). If you have tears, prepare to shed them now, as the beautiful acting from all concerned and the poignantly true picture of life during those troublous times cannot fail to enlist sympathy and interest. It is lavishly mounted, exquisitely photographed, superbly acted, and assuredly further Miss Sullivan's reputation as one of the screen's greatest actresses.

"THE GIRL FROM 10TH AVENUE"—STAR THEATRE

This is a First National Picture with Bette Davis in the stellar role. Miss Davis's part is far more pathetic than the one she played in "Of Human Bondage," but is anything but a sweet girly-girl role.

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HIDDEN WAYS OF ENGLAND

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When I was an undergraduate I was despatched from Oxford Sunday after Sunday with stopwatch in hand on what was called a training walk. My eye was fixed on the distance, looking for the next milestone. If the stopwatch pointed to 14min. 59.4-sec. for each mile I was over-joyed. If it pointed to 15min. 0.1-sec. I was as depressed as Micawber. The only Cotswold stone I ever saw in four years was the Cotswold milestone.

It is not enough to travel on foot. You must learn to saunter as Charles II, Richard Jefferies, W. H. Hudson and Edward Thomas sauntered, and you must learn to saunter alone. "I cannot see the wit of walking and talking at the same time," said Hazlitt. For seeing England is a whole-time job.

Go Alone

You must go alone, first, because companionship distracts you. The pretty lady will take it as an ill compliment if you are for ever dilating on the loveliness of the landscape. She feels that you might spare an adjective or so for her. Even the companion chosen from your own innermost circle of friends or relatives cannot be at all times attuned to your mood. He or she will talk when you want to keep silent, want to stop when you want to go on, decide to go on when you want to stop.

Not even the most raucous companion can destroy the stupendous effect of the Grand Canyon, but the swish of one skirt, as Rupert Brooke reminded us, is enough to banish the elusive loveliness of an English wood.

The companionship that you need on this journey is not the jealous companionship of the intimate friend who stands in the way of your seeing anything or anyone else, but the casual companionship of the strangers, of the passing tramps and farmers who are the intimates of the countryside and act as nature's interpreters.

When you tire of them you leave them with as little formality as you met them. There is no need for hypocritical stammered excuse.

Part Friends

"My way lies there," you say firmly, and you part friends. Can you leave your sister, wife or uncle thus?

You travel alone, not because you are unsociable, but because you are sociable. In a crowd you just nod in passing to the shepherd or road-mender. When you are alone you make friends with every passer-by.

You travel alone, secondly, to meet yourself. All the rest of the year you are part of the machine. You work with the herd, take your pleasures with the herd. Even in sleep you find a carry-over from the herded world. But alone in the quietude of the country you are at last an individual. You are at last finding out your own tastes, testing your own personal unforced reactions. If you feel like singing you sing. If you feel like dancing you dance. If you feel like keeping silent you keep silent. You are meeting yourself.

And the mere fact of your being alone and quiet and moving slowly means that you are also on the verge of meeting England. A secret of stupendous moment is about to be revealed to you.

But there is one further ordinance to be obeyed before you start.

Not only must you go slowly, stopping at every stile and bridge, succumbing to every temptation to turn aside down every byway, not only must you go alone, denying yourself the sweetness of the companionship of those who exist only to make you feel safe and sure of yourself, but you must also leave behind the companions to which perhaps you most looked forward—your golf clubs and your books.

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To come by chance as I did on the birthplace of Shakespeare's Dark Lady of the Sonnets made the place ten times more exciting than it would have been if I had known of it beforehand.

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So make up your mind to be bound by no programme, to travel with complete irresponsibility, to start nowhere in particular, to end nowhere in particular, and the odds are that you will catch a glimpse of an England that is vouchsafed only to the privileged few. I got nearest to the heart of England when I suddenly boarded a coal-barge at Whitchurch, handicapped by a nine-year-old boy, a 90-year-old man, and a 900-year-old horse. I pulled the lot, but I had time to see England.

What you are looking for is as elusive as the fairy music of the piper at the gates of dawn. What you see will be incommunicable to others, but it will provide you with a vision that may well alter the whole of your outlook on life.

That being so, it is worth obeying the simple rules that enable you to see it.

COMPANY REPORTS

(Continued from Page 8.)

Marine.—The 1934 Account has been closed and the Profit of \$64,590.14 carried to Profit and Loss Account.

The net premiums for the year 1935 amounted to \$1,249,287.30 and claims and expenses to \$704,258.92. The Balance carried forward, including the additional reserve, amounts to \$928,928.38.

Fire.—The net premiums amounted to \$892,596.67 and claims to \$406,757.50. After taking into account commission, expenses of management and fire brigade fees, and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a credit balance of \$65,422.85, which has been carried to Profit and Loss Account.

The Fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to \$510,638.66.

Accident and General.—The net premiums amounted to \$418,329.79 and claims to \$250,587.58. After taking into account commission and expenses of management, and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a debit balance of \$17,601.41 which has been carried to Profit and Loss Account.

The Fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to \$244,131.51.

Dividend.—The Directors recommend a Dividend of \$12 per share and a Bonus Dividend of \$6 per share, payable on May 22, 1936.

Contributory Bonus.—The Directors recommend a Bonus of 20 per cent. to contributors of contributory premium, payable on May 22, 1936.

Profit and Loss Account.—The amount at the credit of the Profit and Loss Account, after providing for the Dividend and Contributory Bonus for the year 1935, is \$1,118,206.05.

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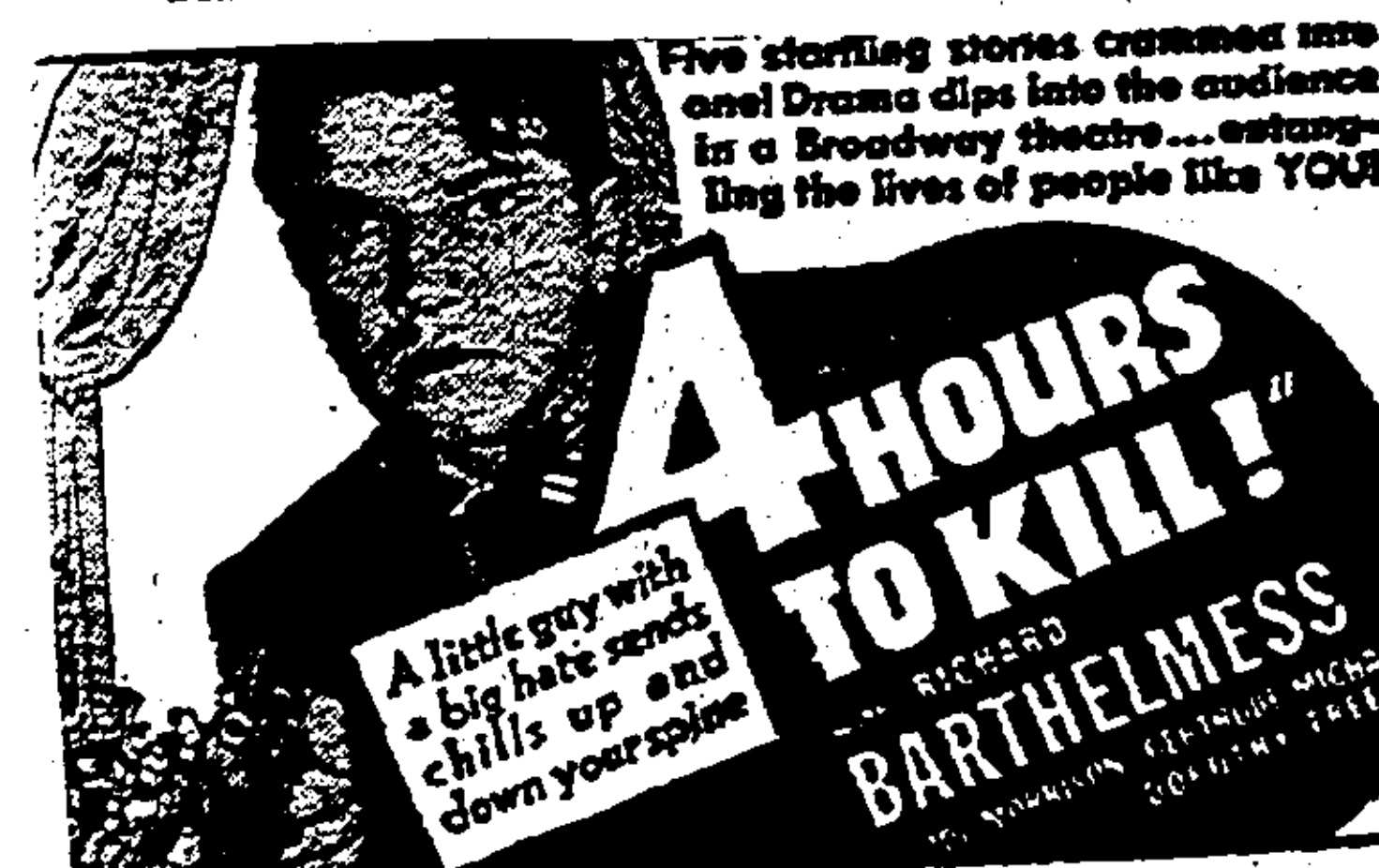
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PREMIER'S BUSY DAY

Many Questions On Abyssinia

ANNEXATION ACCEPTED WITH "ALL RESERVE"

London, To-day.
In the absence of the Foreign Secretary at Geneva the Prime Minister had a large number of questions relating to the Italo-Abyssinian dispute to answer in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. Mr. Baldwin stated that when the Italian Ambassador handed to the Foreign Office on Tuesday a copy of the Italian decree annexing Abyssinia to Italy and confirming the title of Emperor upon the King of Italy, he was informed that the document was accepted in all reserve and would be submitted to the Foreign Secretary on his return.

Describing the contents of the note received by the British Legation along with other diplomatic missions in Addis Ababa from Marshal Badoglio, the Premier said that Sir Sidney Barton was instructed to make it clear in his reply that for the present his communications with Marshal Badoglio were on the footing that Sir Sidney Barton regarded him as the authority in military occupation of Addis Ababa.

In one of several other replies Mr. Baldwin reminded an opposition member that the Government had repeatedly stated that their policy in the dispute was based on the collective decision by the League of Nations.

A Geneva press message states that the communication made on Tuesday by the Italian Government regarding the alleged shipment of dum-dum bullets from Britain to Abyssinia has not yet



The friendship between Mr. Alfred Bates and the Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, above, was referred to in yesterday's hearing before the budget leakage tribunal. It was stated that Mr. Bates had offered Mr. Thomas £20,000 in advance royalties for his political autobiography, and a share in any profits above £25,000.

NEW SPANISH CABINET

Moderate Republican Tendencies

Madrid, To-day.

The new Cabinet under the Premiership of Senor Casares Quiroga contains no Socialists or Communists, and may be described as of moderate Republican tendencies. It is of practically the same complexion as its predecessor.

A feature is the inclusion of a representative of Catalonia for the first time. He has been appointed Minister of Labour.—Reuter.

been published, but is being held up at the request of the Rome Government.—British Wireless Service.

BATES GIVES EVIDENCE NO KNOWLEDGE OF BUDGET PLANS

London, To-day.

The friendship between Mr. J. H. Thomas, Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Alfred Bates occupied the budget tribunal yesterday afternoon after Mr. Bates's lady secretary, Mrs. Stubbs, had testified about the insurance she effected on Mr. Bates's behalf.

CHINA'S CLAIM TO SEAT ON LEAGUE COUNCIL

Geneva, to-day.—The Council of the League of Nations has approved the report favouring the election of China to the Council. The definite decision rests with the September Assembly.—Reuter.

VANDALISM IN AMERICA

Sculptor's Works Destroyed

New York, To-day.

The noted sculptor George G. Barnard has disclosed that vandals on Friday broke into his studio and destroyed six pieces of statuary with a sledge-hammer and poured tar over the fragments. Three were plaster models, of which there are no copies, and others were of marble and included two figures of Christ. Only the famous war memorial "The Rainbow Arch," on which Barnard toiled for 15 years, was unscathed.

Barnard was unable to suggest who the perpetrators were. He said: "I can't understand the psychology of the thing."—Reuter.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

King's Patronage Extended

London, To-day.

H.M. the King, who as Prince of Wales presided at the inaugural meeting last July of the British Council—the organisation founded to spread abroad better knowledge of the country's language, literature, art and science—has accorded his patronage to the Council. Lord Eustace Percy, former Minister of Education and until recently Minister without Portfolio in the present National Government, has become Chairman of the Council. The former Chairman, Lord Tyrrell, who resigned, has become President.

Further evidence was also taken from Mr. Alfred Bates, one of the persons who took out substantial cover against budget risks, and from representatives of his and other firms. The tribunal will continue its sittings to-day.—British Wireless Service.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

RELATIONS WITH DANZIG

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S TERM EXTENDED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.

The term of office of the League of Nations High Commissioner for Danzig, Mr. Sean Lester, was prolonged for one year by the closed session of the League Council yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Anthony Eden, M. Paul-Boncour and the Polish delegate expressed their satisfaction at the improvement of the relations between Danzig and the League of Nations.

Neither Mr. Eden nor M. Paul-Boncour left Geneva last evening. The two statesmen will meet outside the city to discuss the Lombaro question. Yesterday morning the first conversation for a long time took place between M. Litvinoff and the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, but nothing as to its scope has been revealed.—Trans-Ocean Service.

EDEN'S BUSY DAY

London: The Foreign Secretary yesterday had another busy day in Geneva.

Yesterday morning he saw the Rumanian Foreign Minister and the Greek representative, M. Politis, as well as Mr. Sean Lester, League High Commissioner for Danzig, and Herr Gressler, President of the Danzig Senate. It is reported that the Council last evening appointed Mr. Lester High Commissioner for another year, on the request of both the Danzig Senate and the Polish Government.

During the two hours' sitting the Council hurried through a long agenda at top speed. It now stands adjourned until June 15.

LIVELY ARGUMENT

There was a lively argument, it is stated, in the course of the private session regarding the report submitted to the Slavery Committee by the Italian Government. According to press telegrams, the upshot was that the report was circulated to the members of the Slavery Committee with a note attached saying that the contents had been communicated by a military authority occupying a foreign territory in violation of the Covenant.

The main business at the public session was an offer of seats on the Council to China, as the representative of Asia, and to some one of the smaller European Powers not belonging to one of the already recognised regional groups. This recommendation was referred to the Assembly for consideration in September.—British Wireless Service.

TRIAL OF PEERS BY PEERS

Abolition Bill Passed By Lords.

London, To-day.

The bill for the abolition of the privilege of trial by peers for members of the peerage passed its third reading in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon. In a Commons answer the Solicitor-General stated that the total cost to the public funds of the recent prosecution of a Peer before the House of Lords was £686. It was this case which gave rise to Lord Sankey's bill, which now goes to Commons.—British Wireless Service.

ADMIRALTY CHANGES

London, To-day.—The Admiralty announces that owing to illness, Vice-Admiral F. F. Rose, Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, is returning to the United Kingdom. On his departure Captain J. O. Grace is to assume temporary command, and the appointment of Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf, is to be regarded as an independent command until the successor to Vice-Admiral Rose arrives.—British Wireless Service.

FORMER GOVERNOR GENERAL LUNCHES AT PALACE

London, to-day.—Sir Isaacs, the former Governor-General of Australia, was received by H.M. the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning, and he and Lady Isaacs lunched with His Majesty and Queen Mary.—British Wireless Service.

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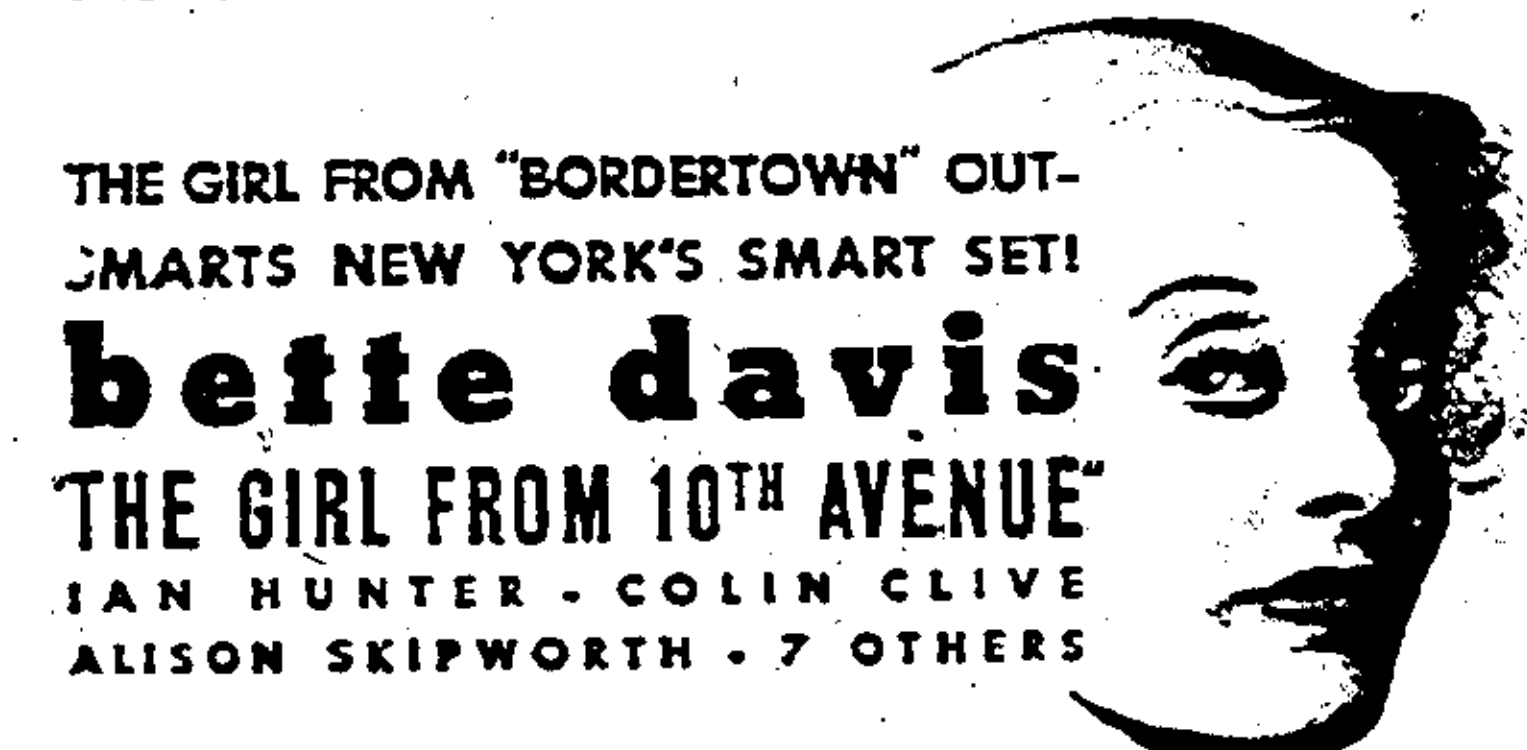
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